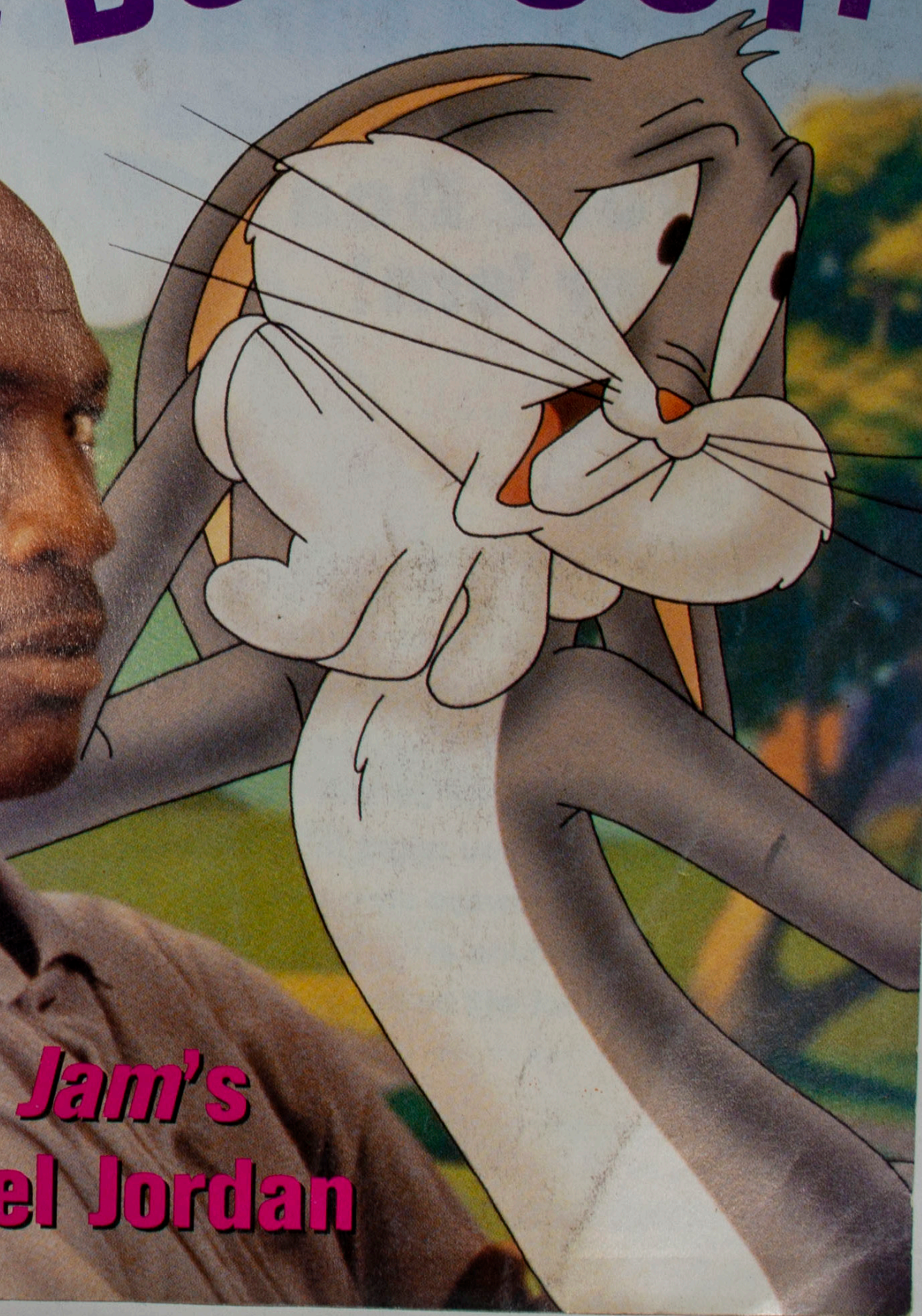


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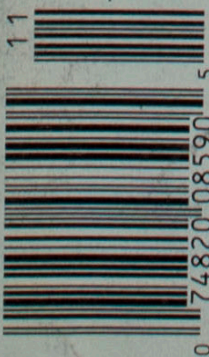
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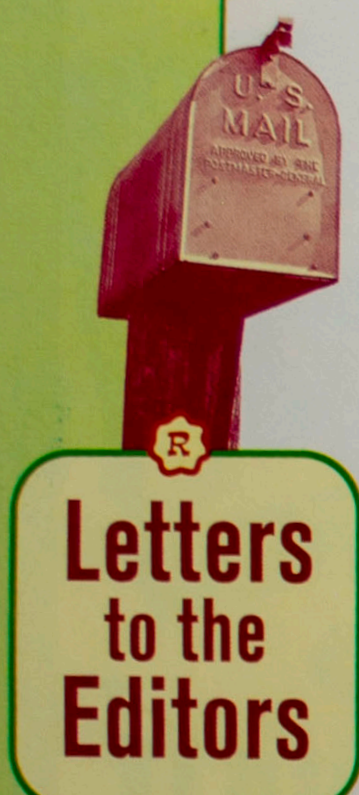
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Do you read all of the entries to your contests?

Jack K., age 10
Burnsville, Minnesota

Dear Jack,
Yes, we do. Since we get so many entries to our contests, we often have mail parties, where everyone gets together and helps. To make it a party, we eat pizza, cookies, or doughnuts while we open and read all the entries.

Dear Nick Mag,
My dad won't let me get another rabbit. Please write a song to convince him to let me get another.

Lauren K., age 11
Littleton, Colorado

Dear Lauren,
Maybe this song will help persuade him:

(Sing to the tune of
"The Itsy Bitsy Spider")

Oh, Dad, another rabbit is what I really need.

I know I already have one and two is almost three—

But if you let me get one I will not pester thee.

And my bunny will be happy to have the company.

Dear Nick Mag,
You know that letter you received asking for a food issue? Well, I would

like to see a furniture issue!

Caitlin K., age 10
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Caitlin,
Are you sitting down? Sofa, we haven't come up with any ideas, but we thank you for putting the idea on the table.

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We Call It Home

On page 63, there's a picture of the New York City skyline. You can see Zelda Van Gutters taking her break on the roof (roof! roof!) of the building where we work.

THE STATE BORDER

Refrigerator magnets of the fifty states are stuck along the tops of our "American" pages. Next to each magnet is a true fact about that state. Since it's shaped like a boot, Louisiana kicks off the list right here.



More than one-fourth of LOUISIANA is made up of dirt from other states. The Mississippi River has been depositing soil there for thousands of years.

O, Pioneers!

During the 1800s, pioneers stopped at outposts to restock their supplies as they headed west across America. In 1996, we have The Outpost, a coffee and sandwich shop, right here in the lobby of our building. Since pioneers often traded goods instead of using money, we rounded up some things around the office and tried to make trades with Gabriela, an Outpost manager. Here's what we offered, and here's what we got in exchange:

One extra-large stuffed duck	=	One Gummi Worm
One ball made of rubber bands, weighing 4 1/4 pounds	=	Two small frozen yogurts
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Fake gold nuggets in a leather pouch	=	Nothing!

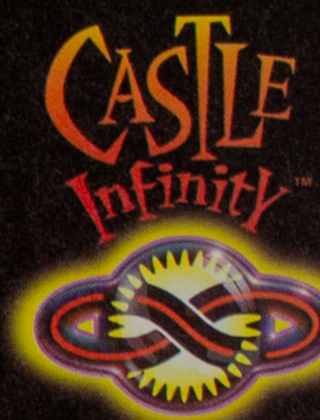


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Striking up a trade at The Outpost

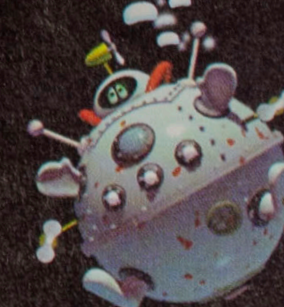


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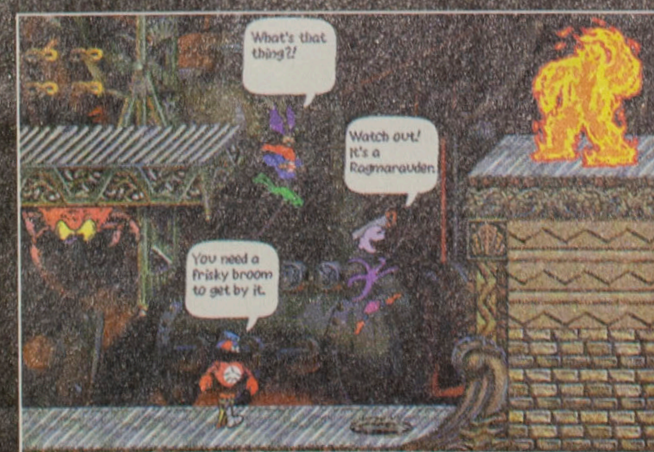
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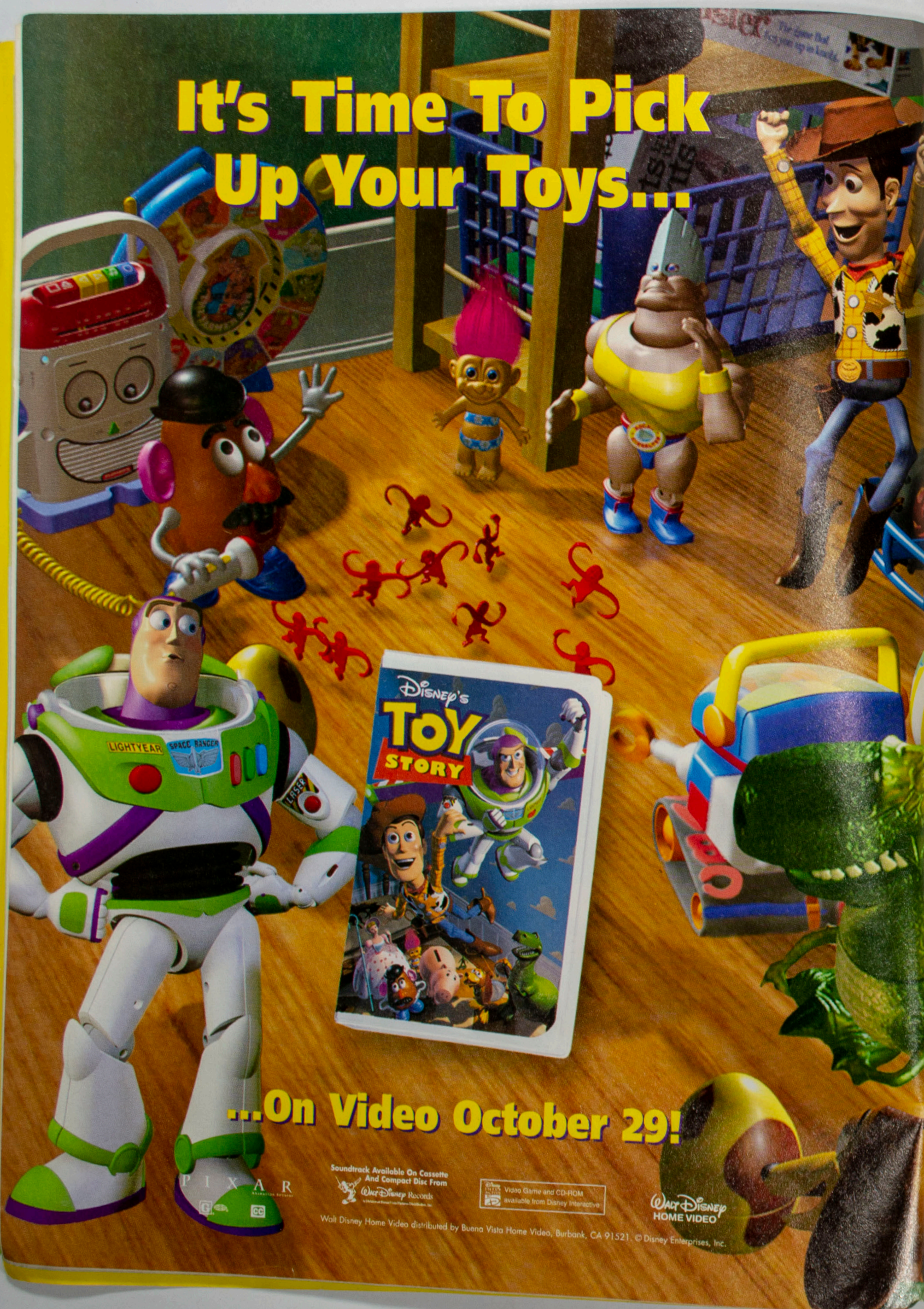
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The Joke Page

by David Lewman

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A LANDSLIDE OF LAUGHS

Why did the politician wear jogging shorts?

He wanted to run for office.

Why did the female horse enter the city election?

She wanted to run for *mare*.

Why did the toothbrush enter the election?

It wanted to run for *Pepsodent*.

How did the eel win the election?
She got the most *electrical* votes.

and get the most electrical votes.

Which candidates promise new baths for everyone?

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Hey Duck, duck!
Bill's about to
step on your bill!



WE GIGGLE TOGETHER

In 1620, why did the Pilgrims set sail on the Mayflower?
Because the *April*flower had already left.

Where did the Pilgrims hang their hats?
On Plymouth Rack.

Who wears a tall hat, big buckles, and lots of sunscreen?
A *Palegrim*.

Who wears a long, drab dress, an apron, and no sunscreen?
A *Pee/grim*.

Which Pilgrim refused to attend the first Thanksgiving?
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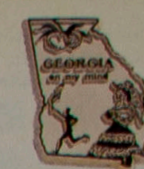
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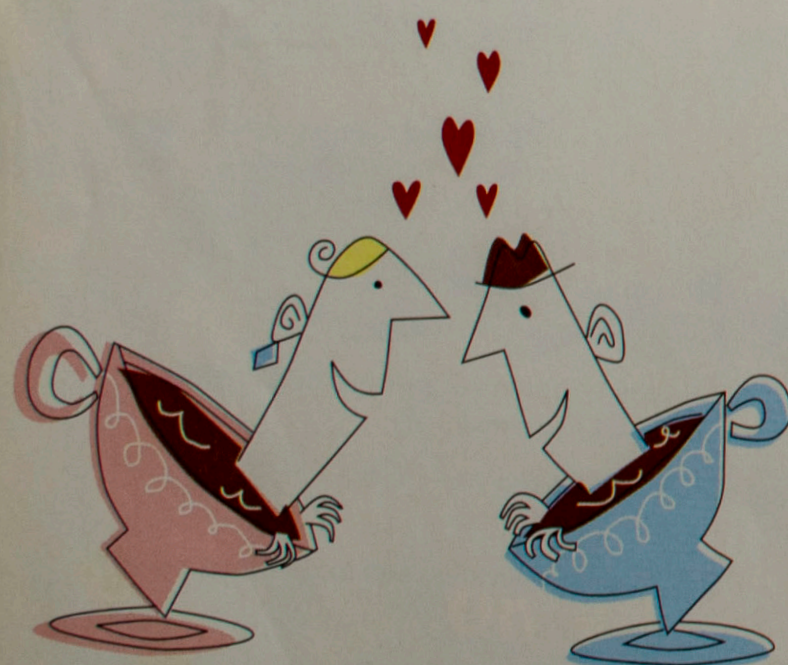
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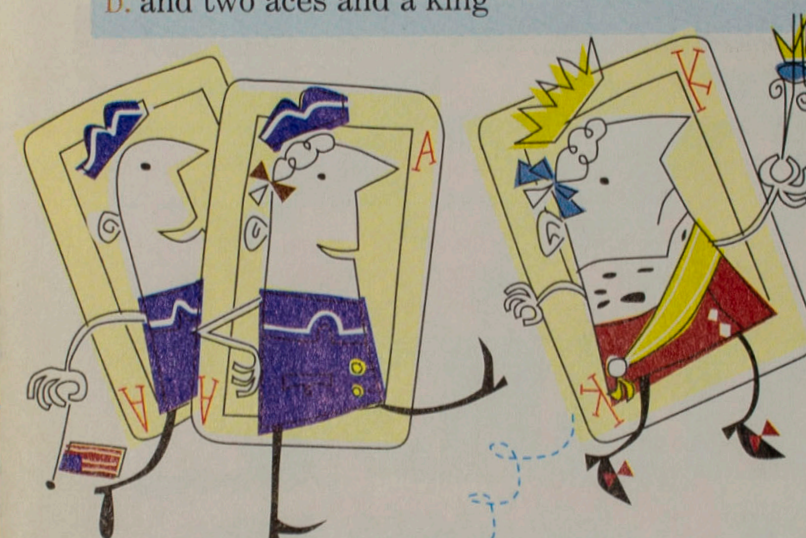
5. We, the people of the United States...

- A. in order to form a more perfect bunion
- B. hope it won't rain at our family reunion
- ☒ C. in order to form a more perfect union
- D. in order to peel a more perfect onion



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- ☒ A. to be self-evident
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7. You're a grand old flag, you're a...

- ☒ A. brown paper bag

10. O'er the land of the free, and...

- A. the home game of the Braves.
- B. yo, could you do us a fave?
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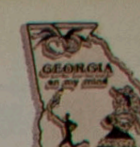
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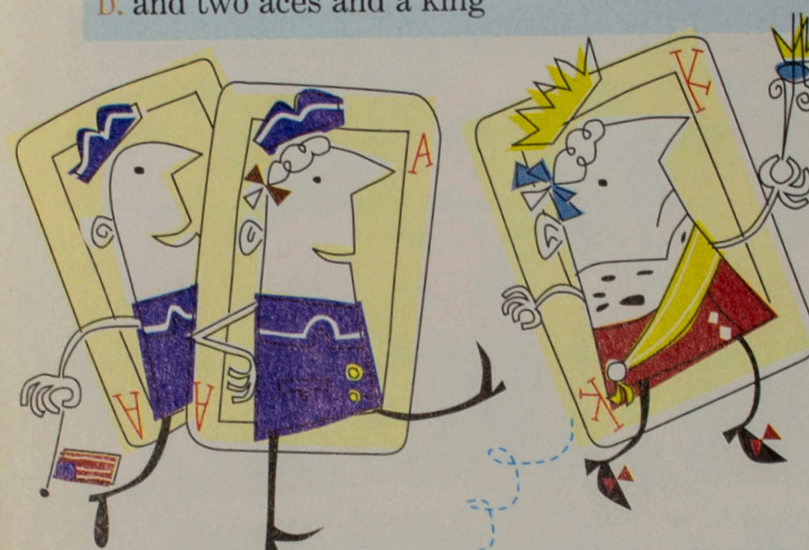
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8. O beautiful for spacious skies...

- A. my sister's such a pain
- B. and people on the train
- C. and rain upon the plain in Spain
- ☒ D. for amber waves of grain

9. This land is your land, this land is my land...

- A. so let's trade, my land for your land
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We talked to some people who perform as important American figures. They work at historic sites and tourist areas.

	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
Real name?	Ralph Archbold (below)	James Getty (above)	Jennifer Stewart (below)
Where do you live?	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania	Brooklyn, New York
How long does it take you to dress?	A matter of seconds.	Six or seven minutes. "I also have to put a mole on my right cheek."	About 25 minutes, including applying the green makeup to her face and arms.
Is the hair real?	Yes.	Yes. "In 1970, I grew a beard, and then people started telling me how much I looked like Lincoln."	No. It's a dust mop painted green.
Your most embarrassing moment in costume?	"Many times, people have walked up to me and blurted out 'Abe Lincoln!' And I get embarrassed for them."	When his mole fell off. "I was at a dinner banquet, and I looked down and my mole was on my napkin."	When she accidentally hit a man on the head with her torch.
How are you similar to your character?	Ralph and Ben have the same birthday—January 17.	"I hope I have his belief in the future of our country."	Her nose is just like the Statue's.
How are you different?	Unlike Ben, Ralph is not and never has been Minister to France. And he hasn't invented anything yet.	"Lincoln was a good wrestler, and I would probably be a horrible wrestler."	Jennifer can move. And she isn't 110 years old.
Is it upsetting when other people dress as your character?	It's okay for kids to do it, but "it's annoying when adults do it and try to make Franklin look like a fool."	No. "I like to think of myself as one of the originals, and that's satisfying."	It used to be, but now she's okay with it. "I like it when I see people with the foam crowns on their heads."
Have you ever been recognized out of costume?	Yes, all the time. "Here in Philadelphia, people seem thrilled to recognize me when I'm out of costume. They yell, 'Ben!'"	James tries not to be. "I wear my Cubs hat and sunglasses and go incognito."	No.
Anything else you want to dress up as?	No.	A 19th century New England sea captain. "I'd like to maybe wear an eye patch and a turtleneck."	Mount Rushmore.



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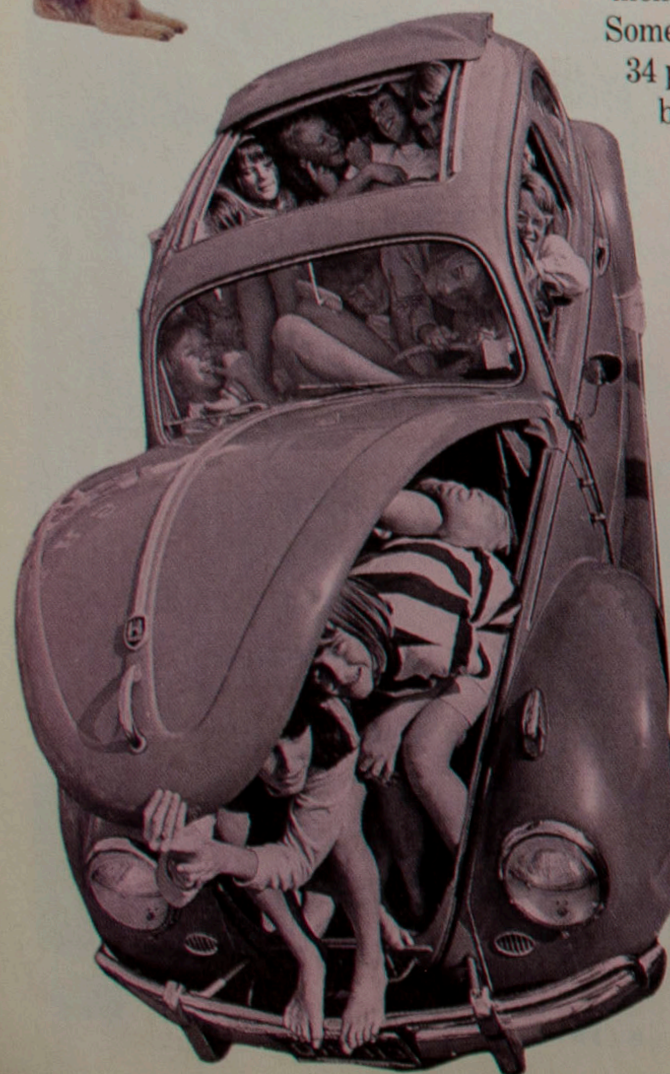
AMERICA GETS STUFFED

At this time of year, Americans stuff themselves with turkey and stuffing. But in the past, they've also stuffed themselves with—and into—some other stuff. Here's a look at some funny and foolish American fads from days and crazes gone by.



Go Fish!

Goldfish swallowing bowled a lot of people over in the spring of 1939. It started when, on a bet, a student at Harvard University downed a live fish. His fishy feat made the newspapers, getting people hooked nationwide. Others started swallowing goldfish in record numbers—first three, then six, and then as many as 300 fish in one sitting. Luckily for the fish, the fad floundered and went belly-up by that summer.



Cram Course

College students around the country spent much of the spring of 1959 cramming, but not for exams. They were squeezing themselves into telephone booths. Some groups squished as many as 34 people into the seven-foot-tall booths. Everyone didn't agree on the rules, however. Some people swore by the "sardine position"—no legs or arms dangling outside. Others said that one person had to be able to place a phone call from the booth. Because of the disagreement, no official records were ever set. It didn't matter, though, because by December, people had had their fill of stuffing.



Limited Legroom

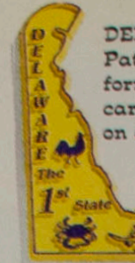
In the early 1960s, students were packing up their cars—with themselves. One group of junior high school students (left) set a record by stuffing 31 of themselves into a Volkswagen and its trunk (which is in the front). The trend of cramming into cars soon ran out of gas, though; maybe it wasn't as challenging as phone-booth stuffing.



NEW HAMPSHIRE's Old Man of the Mountain is a 40-foot-long rock formation that looks like a man's profile.



There are more chickens than people in IDAHO.



DELAWARE's Pea Patch Island was formed when a ship carrying peas wrecked on a sandbar.



Myrtle Beach, SOUTH CAROLINA, has the most miniature golf courses in the country.

Sit or Spin

Here are some other freaky fads from years past.



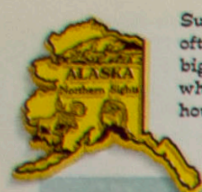
On Top of the World

In 1924, all of Hollywood looked up to Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly (atop pole, left). That's because a theater owner paid him to sit on top of a pole for a long period of time to attract people to the movies. Shipwreck wasn't the first to sit atop a pole for a long stretch, though: A fifth-century Syrian holy man spent the last 36 years of his life preaching from his perch on a pillar. Shipwreck didn't preach, but he did like to yell down and talk to people, and he even met his wife while pole-sitting. Shipwreck's pole-sitting record was 49 days in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during which time he consumed only liquids.

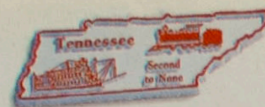
A Waist of Time

Hula-hooping had millions of Americans' heads (and waists) spinning in 1958. Hula hoops first rolled into the U.S. from Australia, where the original hoops, made of bamboo, were used in gym classes. One Michigan kid took a hula hoop for a whirl that lasted more than 18,000 revolutions. And another person spun inside 14 hoops at once. Hospitals treated people for hoop-related injuries, such as pulled muscles and slipped discs. And the hoop slipped, too. Though they are still around today, the fad lost its whirlwind pace by the summer of 1959.





Summer vegetables and fruit often grow two or three times bigger than normal in ALASKA, where the sun shines up to 20 hours each day.



There's a parkway in TENNESSEE named after Dolly Parton.



Sandusky, OHIO, has 12 roller coasters—more than any other city in the U.S.



The tallest manmade structure in North America is a 2,063-foot TV tower in Blanchard, NORTH DAKOTA.



A 10,238-foot-tall mountain in WYOMING is called Birthday Cake Peak because it looks like a cake with candles.



Green Bay, WISCONSIN, produces the most toilet paper in the world.

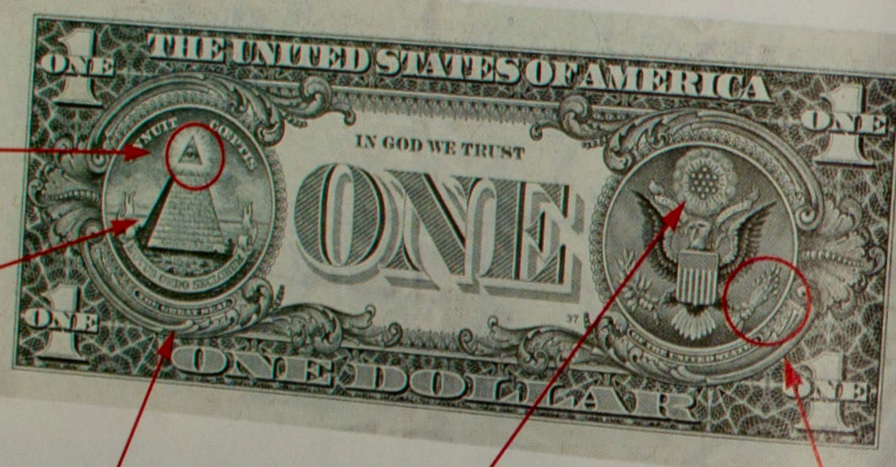


More sunglasses are bought in WASHINGTON than in any other state.

Can You Pass the Buck?

HOW RICH IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. MONEY? Find out what some of those pictures and symbols mean with this currency quiz. Circle the correct answer for each question below. *Answers on page 62.*

1. This eye represents:
- the eye of Newt Gingrich.
 - the overseeing eye of a deity.



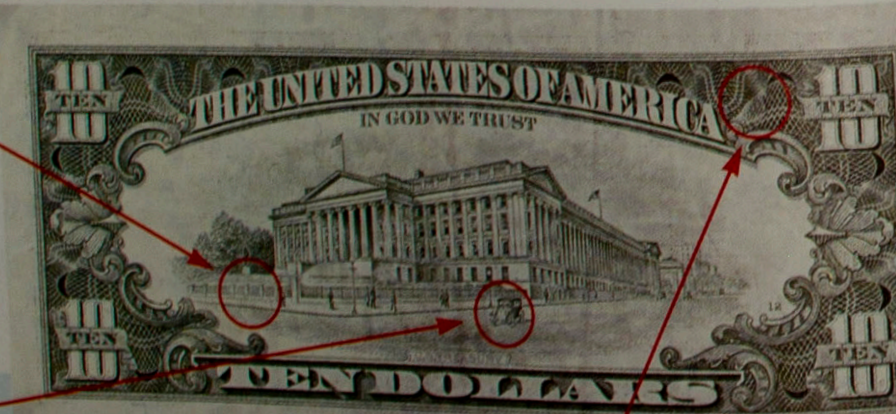
2. This pyramid represents:
- the permanence and strength of the United States.
 - where George Washington can be found, mummified.

3. "The Great Seal" refers to André.
- True
 - False

4. The eagle only paid for 12 of these stars but was given a baker's dozen—the 13th was free!
- True
 - False

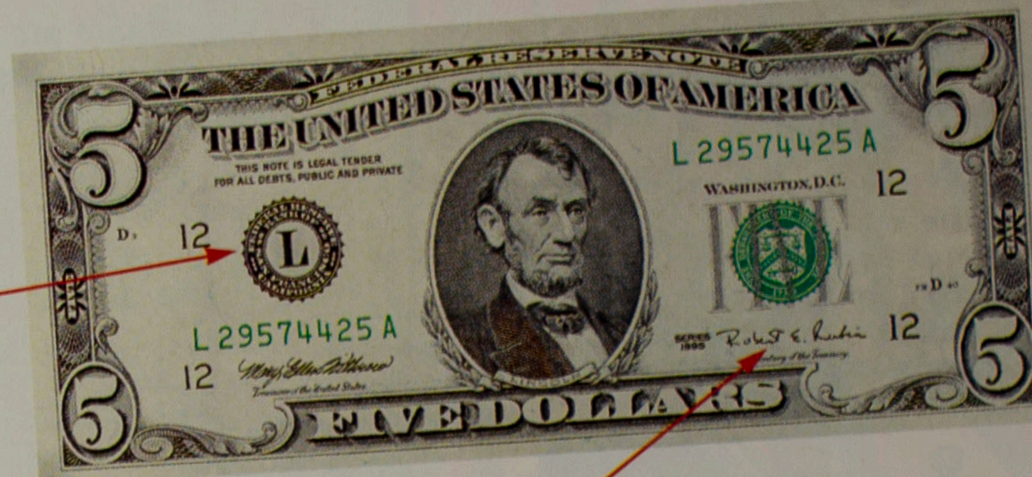
5. These 13 arrows represent:
- wars, including those fought to protect the 13 original colonies.
 - the 13 original Fancy Sandwich Toothpicks.

6. Until 1971, a hitchhiker appeared in this spot.
- True
 - False



7. This car:
- is not a Model "T" Ford, as commonly believed. The bill's artist made it up.
 - broke down in front of the Treasury Building the day the engraving for the bill was made, so it had to be included.

8. Much of this background design was created using a Spirograph and a ballpoint pen.
- True
 - False



9. This "L" signifies:
- the Federal Reserve Bank for which the bill was printed (each bank is identified by a letter).
 - that Abe Lincoln was left-handed.

10. Bills are green because:
- they were originally woven from grass.
 - green ink fades less than other colors.

11. The Secretary of the Treasury signs each bill individually.
- True
 - False

12. The paper that bills are printed on:
- is a mix of cotton and linen.
 - is made from recycled Kleenex.



13. This is:
- the Lincoln Memorial.
 - the Lincoln Harmonica.



14. This represents:
- a tribute to roasted vegetables.
 - liberty, peace, strength, and independence.



15. This is:
- The Mall of America, in Bloomington, Minnesota.
 - Thomas Jefferson's home, in Charlottesville, Virginia.

For What It's Worth

HERE ARE SOME REAL FACTS ABOUT MONEY.

- Since 1969, no bill worth more than \$100 has been printed. The smallest valued coin, last minted in 1857, was the half-cent.
- Dollar bills have the shortest life span of all U.S. currency—an average of just 18 months.
- Coins have a life span of 30 years.
- When paper money gets worn and wrinkled, the U.S. Treasury Department takes the cash back and shreds it.
- Almost \$541 million worth of bills are printed every day.
- Paper money was first issued in 1862. Before that, only coins were used.
- Nickels contain only 25 percent nickel, a hard silvery white metal.
- The largest bill ever printed for general circulation was worth \$10,000.



Party Animals

This is the time of year when Democratic and Republican candidates make lots of campaign promises. But what if the party mascots got to run for office? Here are some of their possible promises:



The Democratic Donkey

VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:

- My policies are kickin'!
- I can pull my own weight.
- My opponent's policies are full of wrinkles.
- I have good support in the outer burros.
- I have read *Don Quixote*.
- I have a *bray* new vision for America's future.
- I will refuse *PACK* money.
- I'll never be your beast of burden.
- I'll spend *mule*-ions on our nation's mountain trails.
- I am an excellent donkey-note speaker.



The Republican Elephant

VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:

- I'll work for peanuts.
- I'll stomp out everything that's wrong with this country!
- I'll always lend an ear.
- I'll never forget my campaign promises.
- I'll improve trade relations with the Ivory Coast.
- I'm against *trunk* driving.
- I *herd* you loud and clear: No new taxes.
- I'm always in *charge*.
- I fly my own jumbo jet.
- I'll take criminals to *tusk*.



HOW TO MAKE

Note: There are eight napkin rings in all, four on the next page and four on page 47.

1 Carefully tear out the whole page (and page 47).

2 Separate the top of the page from the rings by carefully cutting along the black line. Using scissors, cut along the dotted black line between each of the four strips.

3 Carefully cut along the short lines at both ends of each strip to make tabs. DO NOT cut all the way across.

4 Hold the strip in two hands and curl it into a loop.

5 Put one tab on top of the other.

6 Slowly slide together until the outside edges are even.

7 Roll or fold a napkin and slide it inside the ring.

8 At dinnertime, ask everyone to carefully detach the ends of their napkin rings and read the Thanksgiving poll questions, trivia, and sayings to one another.

NAPKIN RINGS



Poultry Time Poll

(Ask your family and friends)

Do you prefer yams or sweet potatoes?

True Turkey Day Tidbit

Sweet potatoes and yams are actually two different vegetables. Yams are sweeter and moister than sweet potatoes.

Wishbone Wisdom

You will expand your waistline.
—Fatty Beltbuckle, comedian

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(Ask your family and friends)

On the count of three, point to the dish you'd least like to clean.

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Quadequina of the Wampanoag tribe brought popcorn to the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving.

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Gourd things come to those who eat everything on their plates.
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Pumpkin pie would like to take next Thanksgiving off. What dessert would you like in its place?

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The Pilgrims' version of pumpkin pie was made by cutting the top off a pumpkin, scraping out the seeds, adding apples, sugar, milk, and spices, and then baking the whole thing in fire ashes.

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Baste not, want not.
—Jean-Paul Tart,
No Eggs It

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(Ask your family and friends)

If you could invite any historic figure to this meal, who would it be?

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During the week of Thanksgiving, Americans eat 73 million pounds of cranberries.

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Those who wash last, wash hardest.
—Suds Turkel

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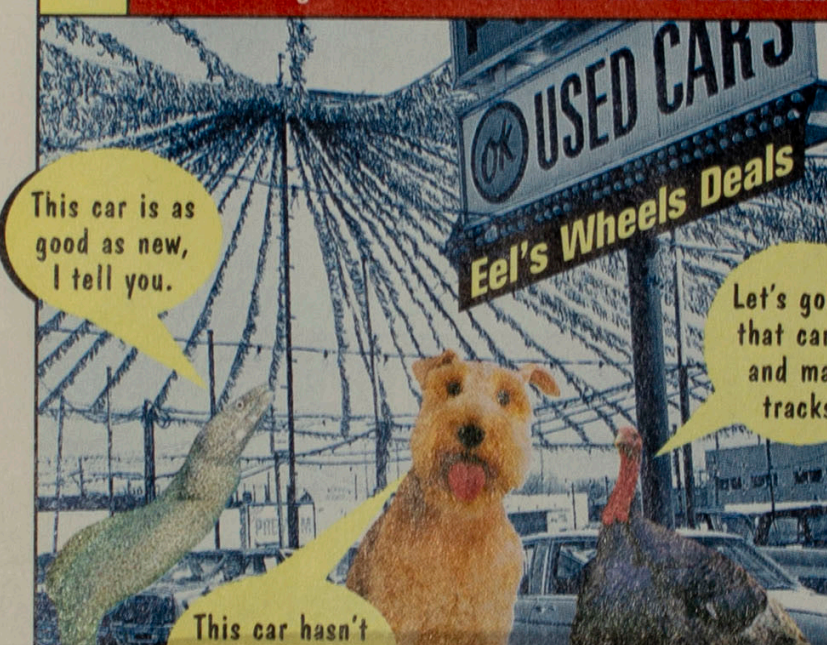
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1 As Thanksgiving approached, my turkey friend Louise was nervous and wanted to get out of town. We decided to drive cross-country.



2 Our first stop was Miami Beach, where we teamed up with a flamingo to play *beak* volleyball.



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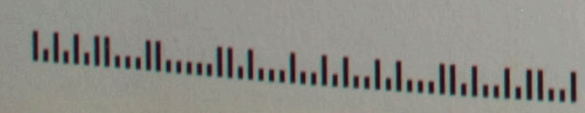


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3 Next, we drove west along the Gulf Coast, then up to the Texas Panhandle.

So everything really is bigger in Texas.

I can't handle how great this place is. But we better get frying, I mean flying.

1 As Thanksgiving approached, my turkey friend Louise was nervous and wanted to get out of town. We decided to drive cross-country.

This car is as good as new, I tell you.

Let's gobble that car up and make tracks.

This car hasn't been new since 1904.

4 On Thanksgiving night, we stopped in at my aunt and uncle's house in Terrier Haute, Indiana.

When you said you were bringing a turkey, I thought you meant dinner.

Oh, she's not eating. She's already stuffed.

Whew!

2 Our first stop was Miami Beach, where we teamed up with a flamingo to play beach volleyball.

Come on, Legs, move! Don't just stand there looking like a lawn ornament.

And put on some more sunblock...you're turning pink!

EPISODE 20

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5 Driving through the desert, Louise insisted we stop in Las Vegas.



7 After that, we drove east to Chicago, the Windy City.



6 Our next stop was San Francisco, the City by the Bay. It's one *hill* of a town.



8 Finally, we zoomed back to the East Coast and to the highly-Revered city of Boston.



Well, it's *been* real! Louise told me that if she had but one wishbone, it would be that we travel again next year. I hope so, too.

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A 14-year-old boy founded the city of St. Louis, MISSOURI.



There are 50 glaciers in MONTANA's Glacier National Park.



From 1883 to 1885, there were two men in U.S. Congress from IOWA named James Wilson.



OKLAHOMA has the longest constitution. It took 18 hours to read aloud when Oklahoma became a state in 1907.

State the Question

Each of the 50 lines of this poem holds clues about a different state. Fill in the blanks on the left with the correct state name. (One letter goes in each square. We filled some in to get you started.) When you're done, the letters in the red squares will form a question. ANSWERS ON PAGE 62.

- 1 MISSISSIPPI Huck Finn's famed river bears this state's lengthy name
- 2 WYOMING Old Faithful and Yellowstone give this state its great fame
- 3 DELAWARE Between Maryland and Pennsylvania, this little state lies
- 4 RHODE ISLAND Is another state known for its lack of size
- 5 NEW JERSEY Gave us Bruce Springsteen and Christie Whitman, too
- 6 IOWA Has Des Moines, Davenport, and a City named Sioux
- 7 CONNECTICUT Is the Nutmeg State, home of New Haven and Yale
- 8 MINNESOTA Land of 10,000 lakes—why not swim or set sail?
- 9 HAWAII When you get off the plane here, they hand you a lei
- 10 NEW MEXICO The Carlsbad Caverns are here, and so is Santa Fe
- 11 NEBRASKA Is the home of Omaha and many huskers of corn
- 12 KANSAS Where Dorothy and Toto's house was torn up in a storm
- 13 E R Here Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle, the ball they would beat
- 14 OKLAHOMA The Sooner State's shaped like a cleaver of meat
- 15 MASSACHUSETTS The Patriots fought the Redcoats atop Bunker Hill



The first newspaper in KANSAS was written in the Shawnee Native American language.



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The world's largest coin-operated laundry is in Denver, COLORADO.



One of CONNECTICUT's nicknames is "Land of Steady Habits."

- 16 ARKANSAS From its city called Hope came a President named Bill
- 17 NORTH DAKOTA If you're in this state, you're within Fargo's reach
- 18 GEORGIA And if you're in Atlanta, well, why not eat a peach?
- 19 WISCONSIN To the Green Bay Packers and to cheese it is home
- 20 ALASKA It can't be that cold, for there's no place like Nome
- 21 LOUISIANA In N'awlins they eat jambalaya and have accents of Cajun
- 22 ILLINOIS The Land of Lincoln and Chi-town, where the winds are ragin'
- 23 FLORIDA Play football in Gainesville do the valiant young Gators
- 24 IDAHO But in the farmland up here they grow all kinds of taters
- 25 CALIFORNIA Actors go la-la in that city Los Angeles
- 26 TENNESSEE Who's buried in Memphis? Why, none other than Elvis!
- 27 MARYLAND Cal Ripkin eats crabs here, forever an Oriole
- 28 SOUTH CAROLINA On Charleston's white mansions, you could do a real fine pictorial
- 29 KENTUCKY Where the grass grows in blue under many a horse
- 30 VIRGINIA George Washington slept here, and Tom Jefferson, of course!
- 31 MONTANA Over Billings and Helena the Big Sky is so sunny
- 32 NEVADA If you're ever in Vegas, try not to lose lots of money
- 33 SOUTH DAKOTA At Mt. Rushmore you stare at some presidents' faces
- 34 INDIANA Here Reggie Miller's Pacers tie up all their laces
- 35 MAINE Well known for its lobsters and the store L.L. Bean
- 36 VERMONT Ethan Allen fought here, in the Mountains of Green



I Kentucky right now, my throat is horse.



Two of PENNSYLVANIA's main products are potato chips and pretzels.



The square dance is the state dance of ALABAMA.



At an opera house in Derby Line, VERMONT, the audience sits in the U.S., but the stage is in Canada.



FLORIDA's state song is "Old Folks at Home."



NEVADA is the driest state. Only nine inches of rain falls there each year.



There is a place in NORTH CAROLINA named Boker City.



The world's largest porch swing is in Hebron, NEBRASKA. It seats 25 people.



Jousting is MARYLAND's official sport.

- 37 OHIO Home to the Buckeyes and to rock's Hall of Fame
- 38 OREGON Over the Trail and past beavers the pioneers came
- 39 UTAH Among tall mountains lies the famed Great Salt Lake
- 40 ARIZONA The Canyon's really Grand here, for heaven's sake!
- 41 MICHIGAN Off conveyor belts in Detroit, new cars often lunge
- 42 WASHINGTON They drink coffee by the gallon in this birthplace of grunge
- 43 NEW HAMPSHIRE The license plates all read LIVE FREE OR DIE
- 44 COLORADO Denver's up here, it's a place a mile high
- 45 WEST VIRGINIA With ore and with coal, its mines are quite fat
- 46 TEXAS Oil's well that ends well, like a ten-gallon hat
- 47 ALABAMA In the front of a bus here, Rosa Parks sat but stood tall
- 48 NORTH CAROLINA For the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill, Michael Jordan played ball
- 49 PENNSYLVANIA The Liberty Bell's here; it tolls for me and for you
- 50 MISSOURI You'll have to show me that arch, so meet me in St. Lou.



Fill in each numbered box below with the red-boxed letter from the state with the same number above. We did the first one for you. **Answer on page 62.**

So do you think you know
all fifty states in the
United States?



Home Games

by Andrew Santella

Baseball may be our national pastime, but it actually came from an English game called rounders. And football evolved from English games, too—soccer and rugby. So which sports were born in the U.S.A.? Here's our lineup.



Peach Jam

Basketball has become one of the world's most popular sports—not bad for a game invented by a gym teacher. In 1891, while teaching at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts, James Naismith (left) came up with the rules of the game. Rule number one was pretty basic: "There must be a ball." The first game, played with peach baskets for goals, ended in a 1-0 score.

Serving It Up

Just eight miles up the road from Springfield, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, another YMCA teacher, William G. Morgan, came up with volleyball for people who thought basketball was too rough. In 1895, Morgan conceived of a game in which two teams volley a ball over a high net.



Goal for It!

Lacrosse was already being played by Native Americans when the first settlers arrived in the 16th century. Tribes of the Iroquois Confederacy (in what is now New York and the Canadian province of Ontario) used long-handled baskets to throw, catch, and carry a ball down the field and into a net for a goal—similar to how lacrosse is still played. The rough game was excellent combat training for the Iroquois: Some of their games lasted for days, as thousands of players battled on a field that stretched for miles. Today's games are much shorter and smaller, with 10 players on each team playing on a soccer-size field.



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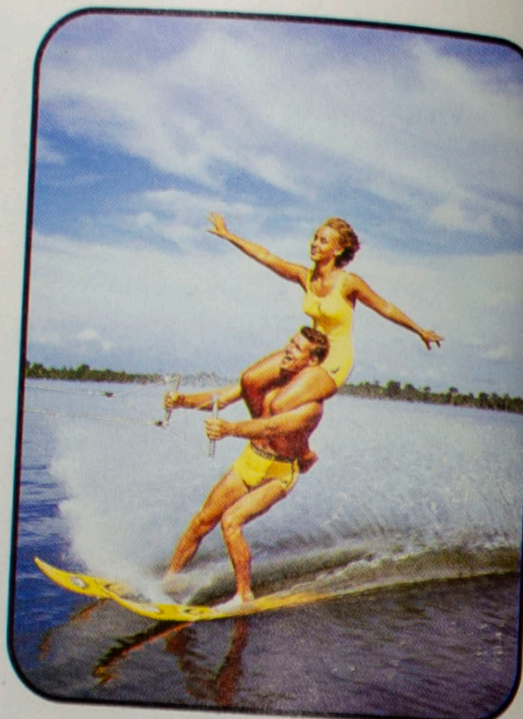
There are only 12 letters in
the HAWAIIAN language.



The Checkers Hall of Fame
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Skiing Is Believing

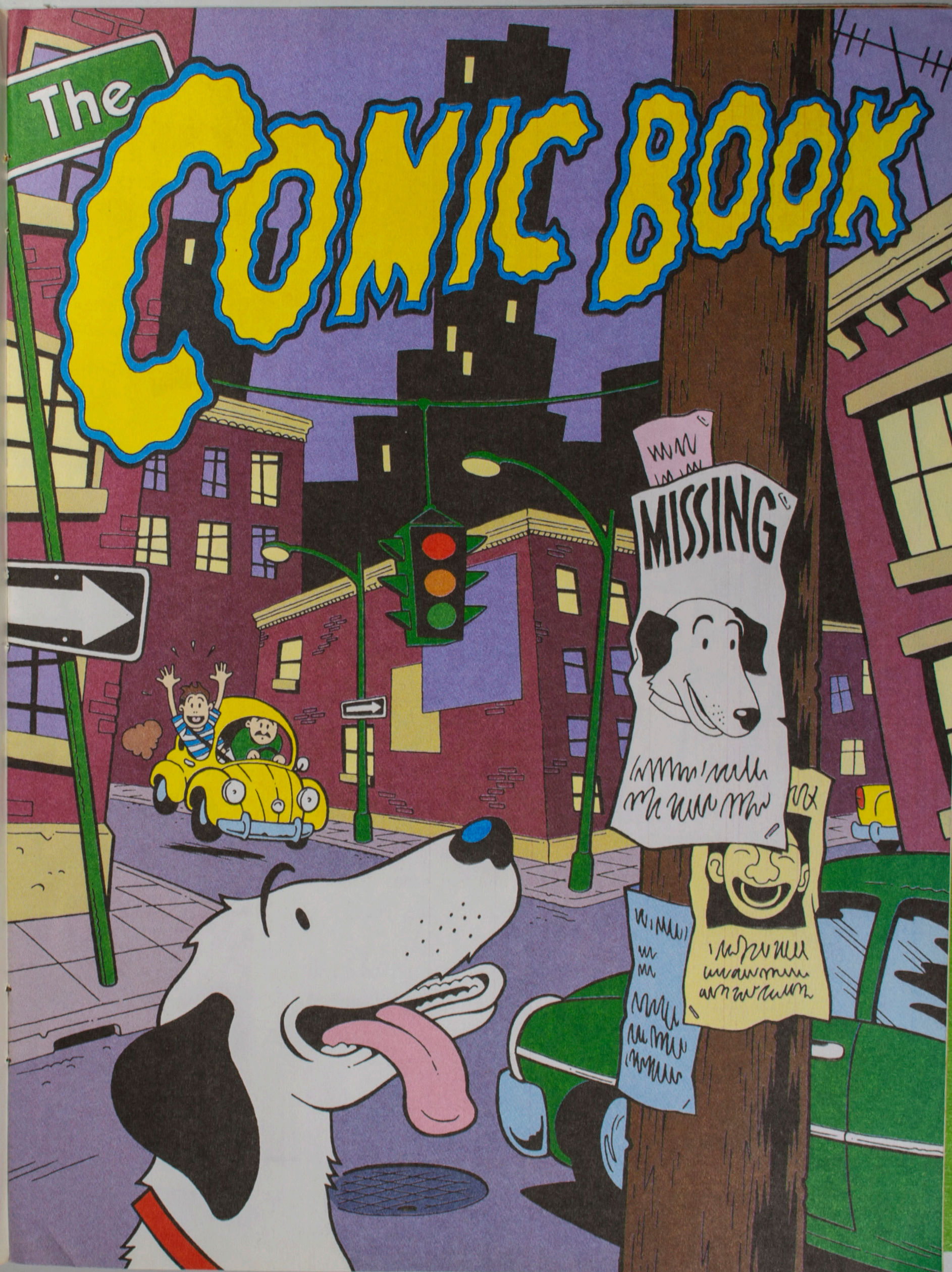
For centuries, people tried to walk on water wearing various contraptions on their feet—and ended up sinking like rocks. It wasn't until the introduction of the motorboat in the late 1800s that people were able to make headway on aqua boards. Then, in 1922, Ralph Samuelson was the first person to water-ski. He used two curved pine boards while being pulled by a motorboat on Minnesota's Lake Pepin.

**Totally Board**

Skateboards were first used in the 1930s, when they were homemade with wood and roller skate wheels. The boards really got rolling in the 1960s, as California surfers used them to sidewalk surf when the waves weren't just right. And today, skateboarding is more popular than surfing.

Pie in the Sky

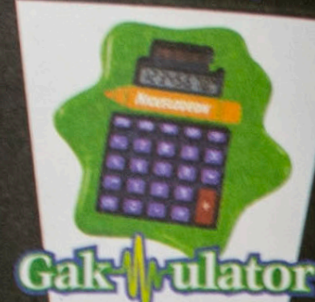
In the 1920s, Yale University students had fun throwing around upside-down (and empty) pie tins from the nearby Frisbie Baking Company. The pastime caught on, and soon students at many schools were flinging pie tins back and forth. Wham-O, a toy manufacturer, got a big slice of the flying-disc pie in 1957 when it introduced its first plastic disc, named the Pluto Platter because it looked like a flying saucer. (A year later, the name was changed to Frisbee.) In 1968, Ultimate, a non-contact soccer-type game played with a Frisbee, was developed by students at Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey (below).



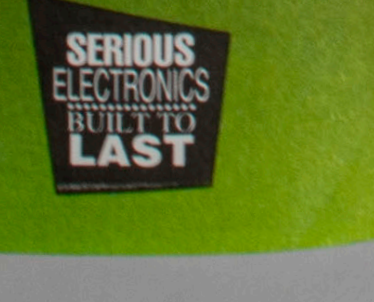
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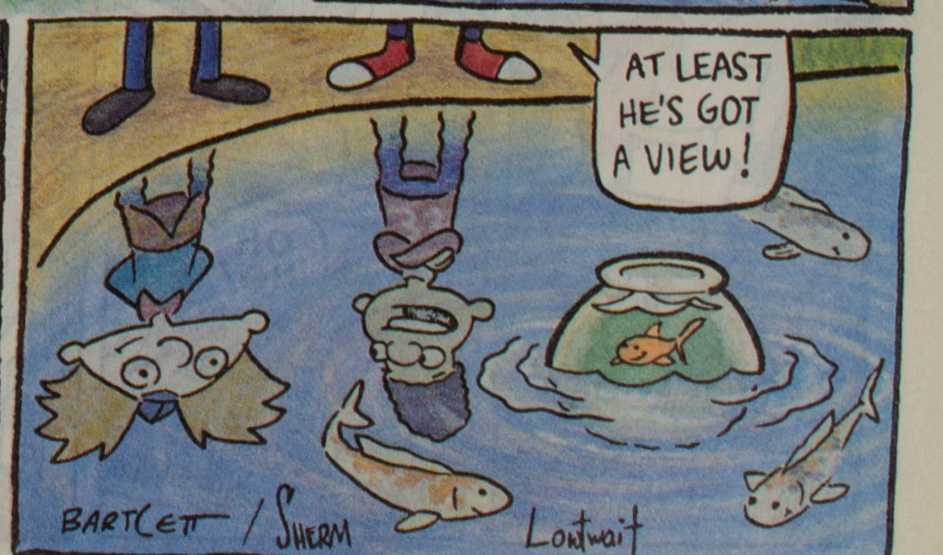
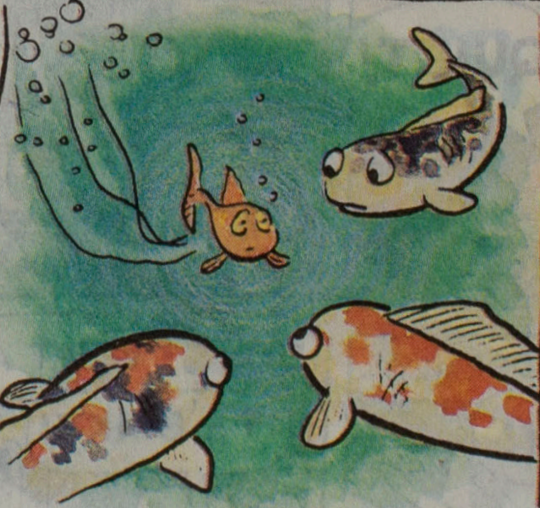
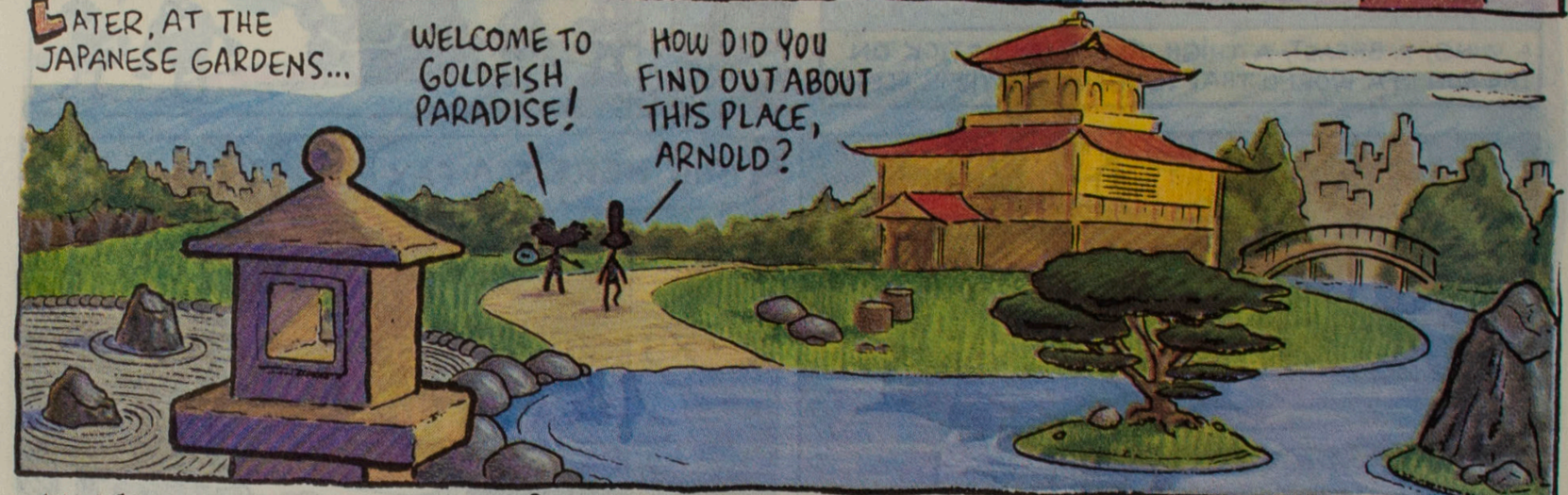
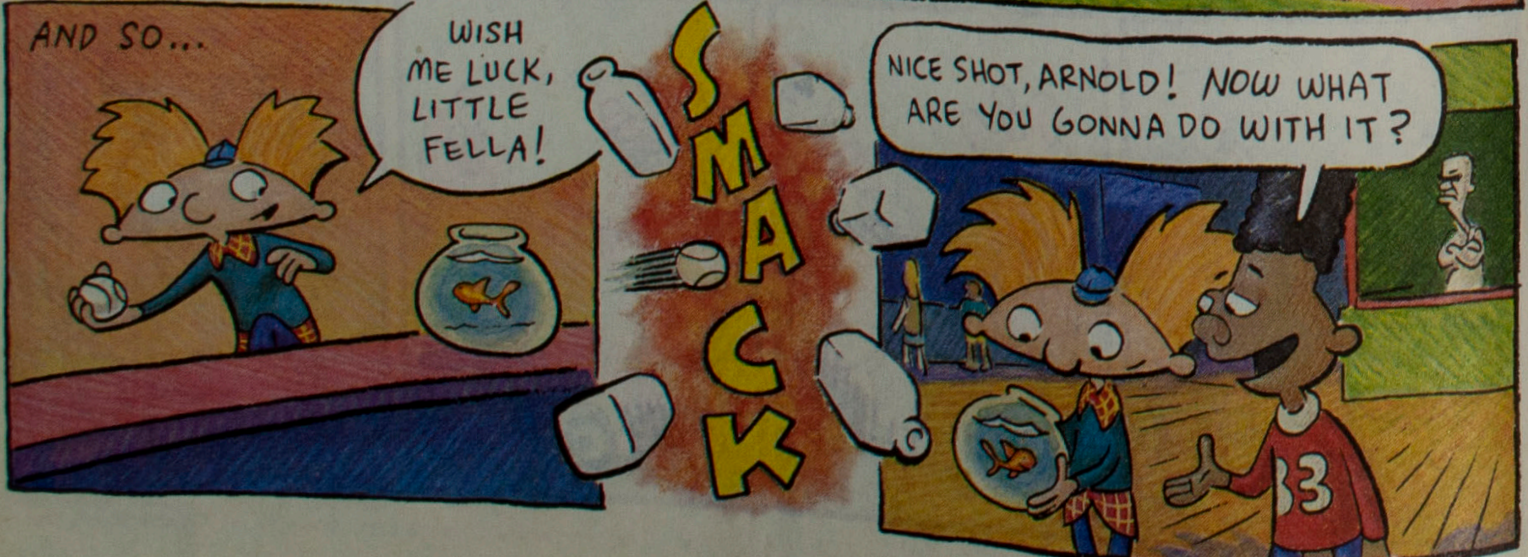
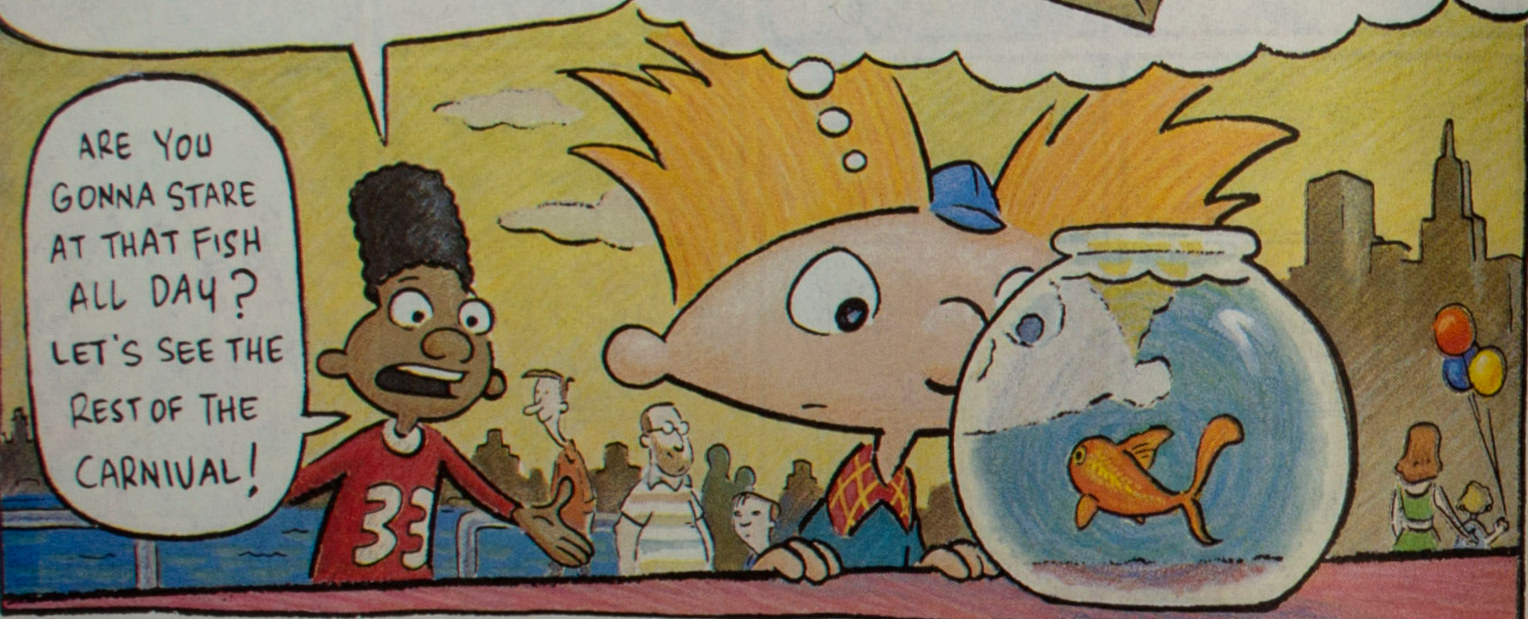


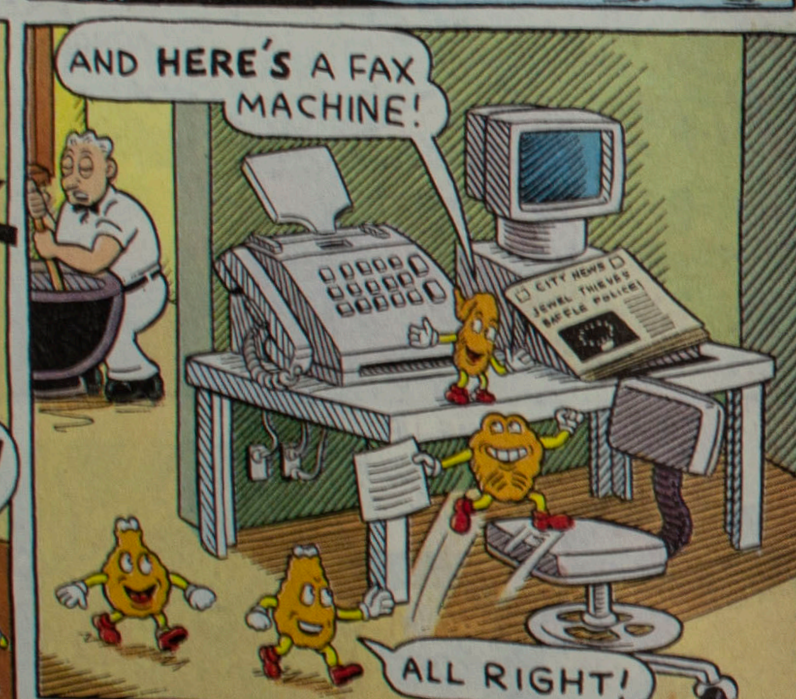
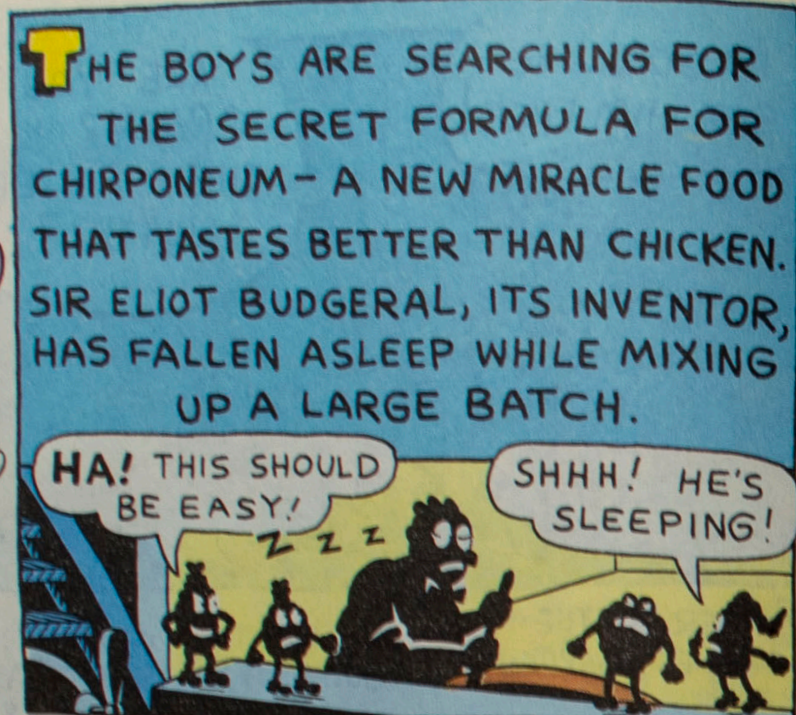
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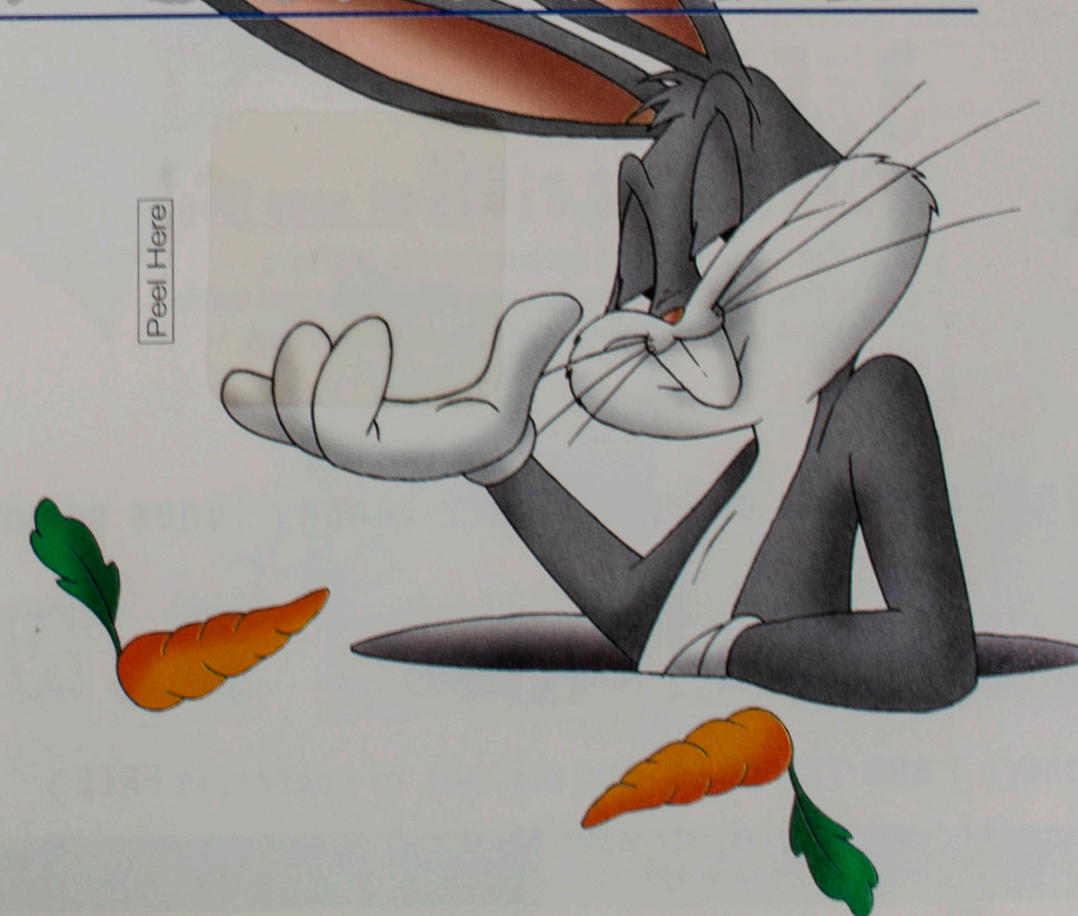




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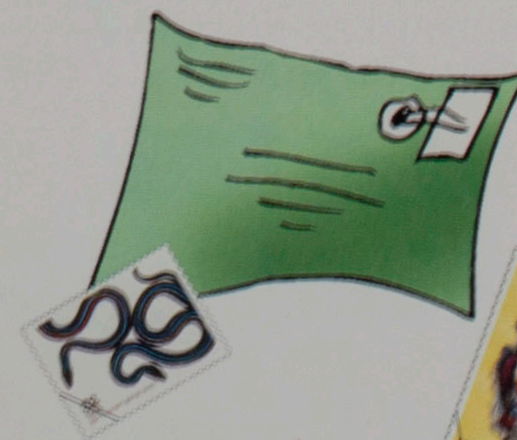
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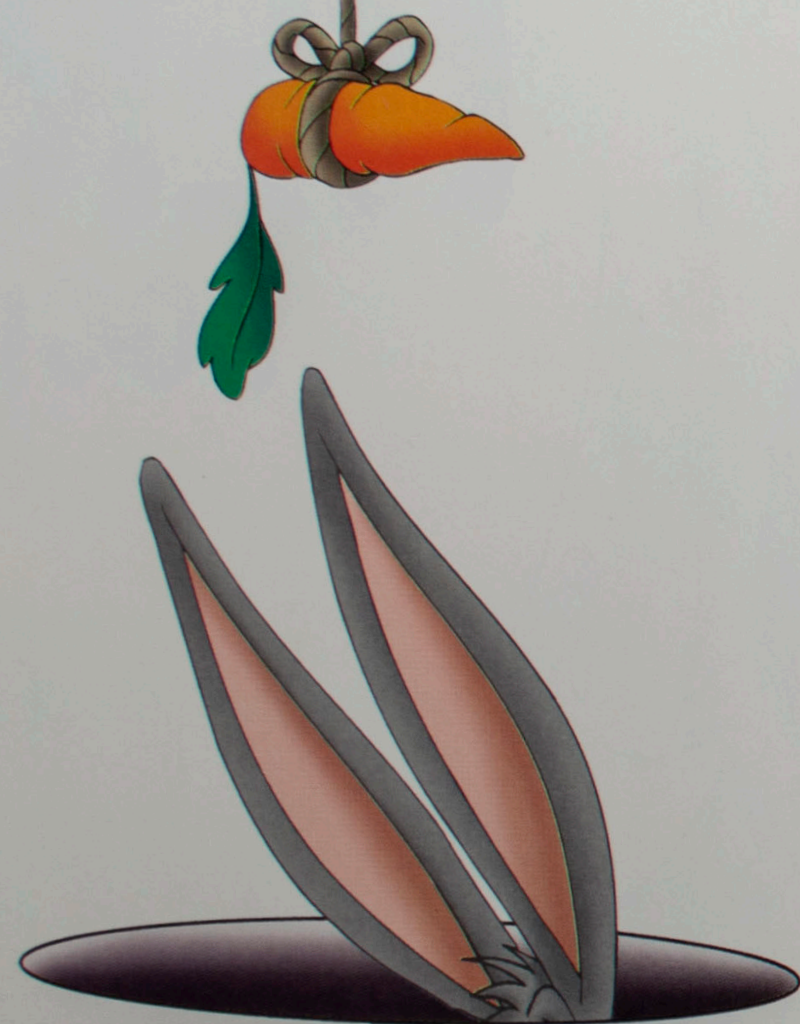
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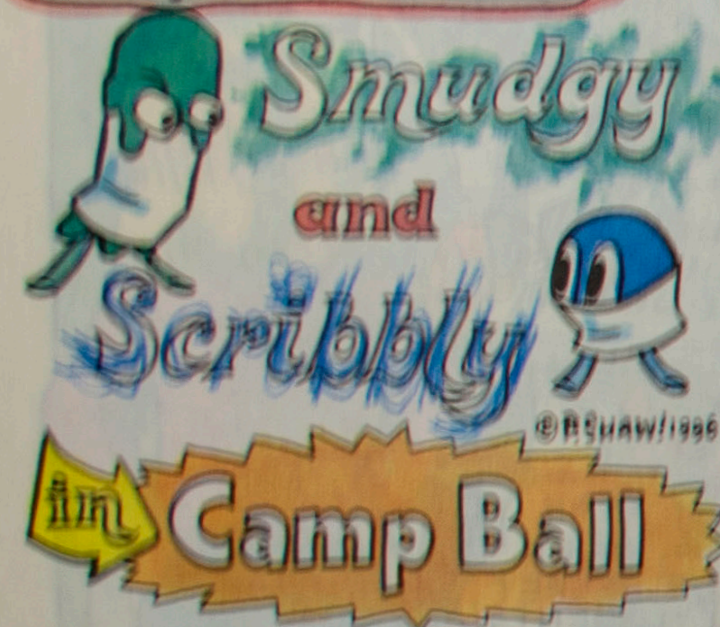
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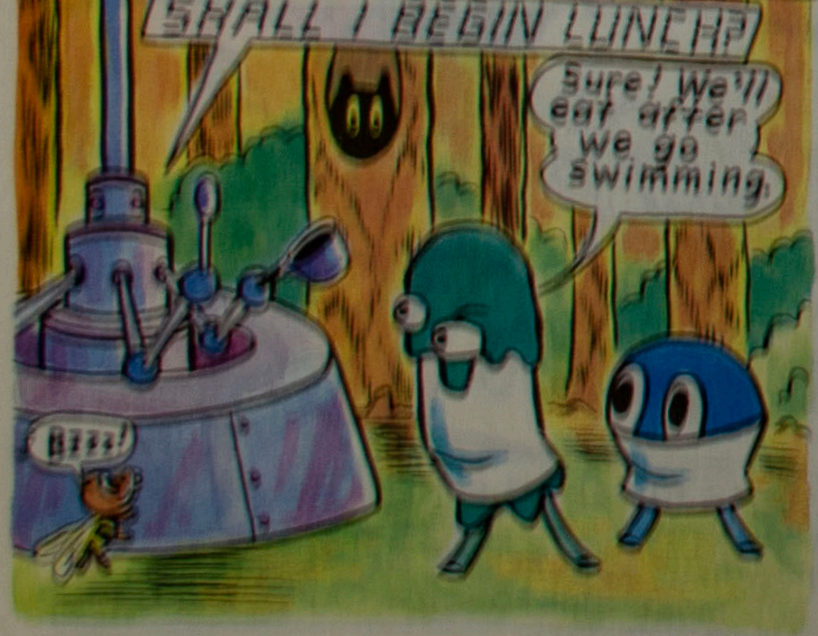
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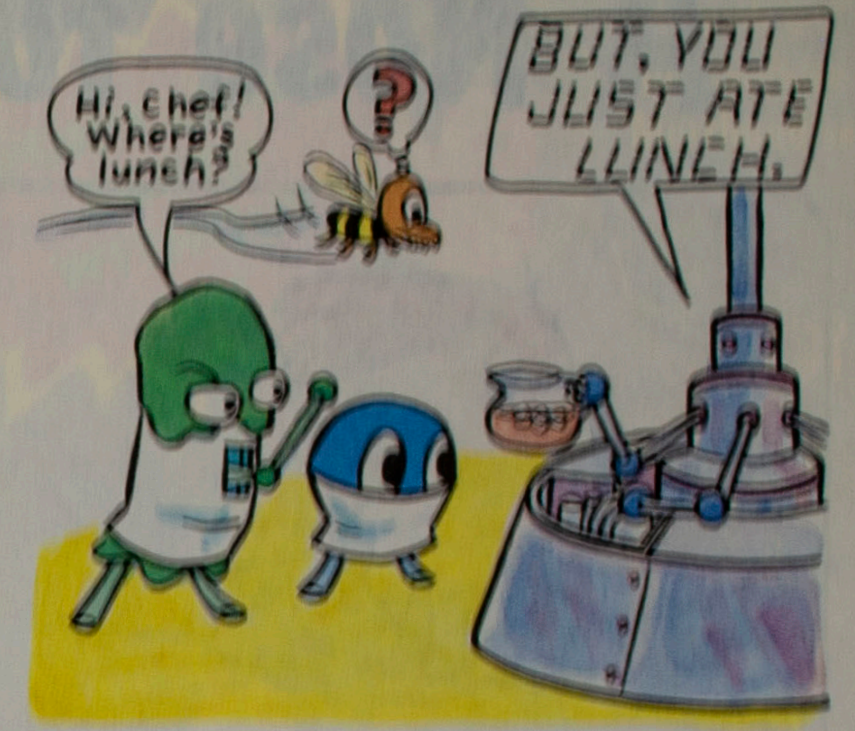
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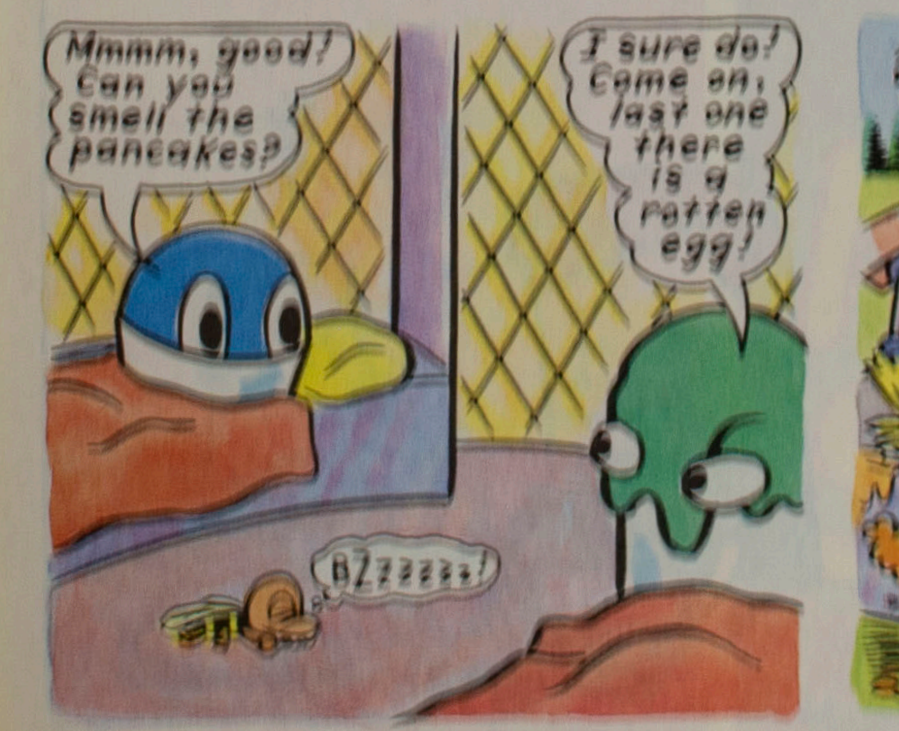
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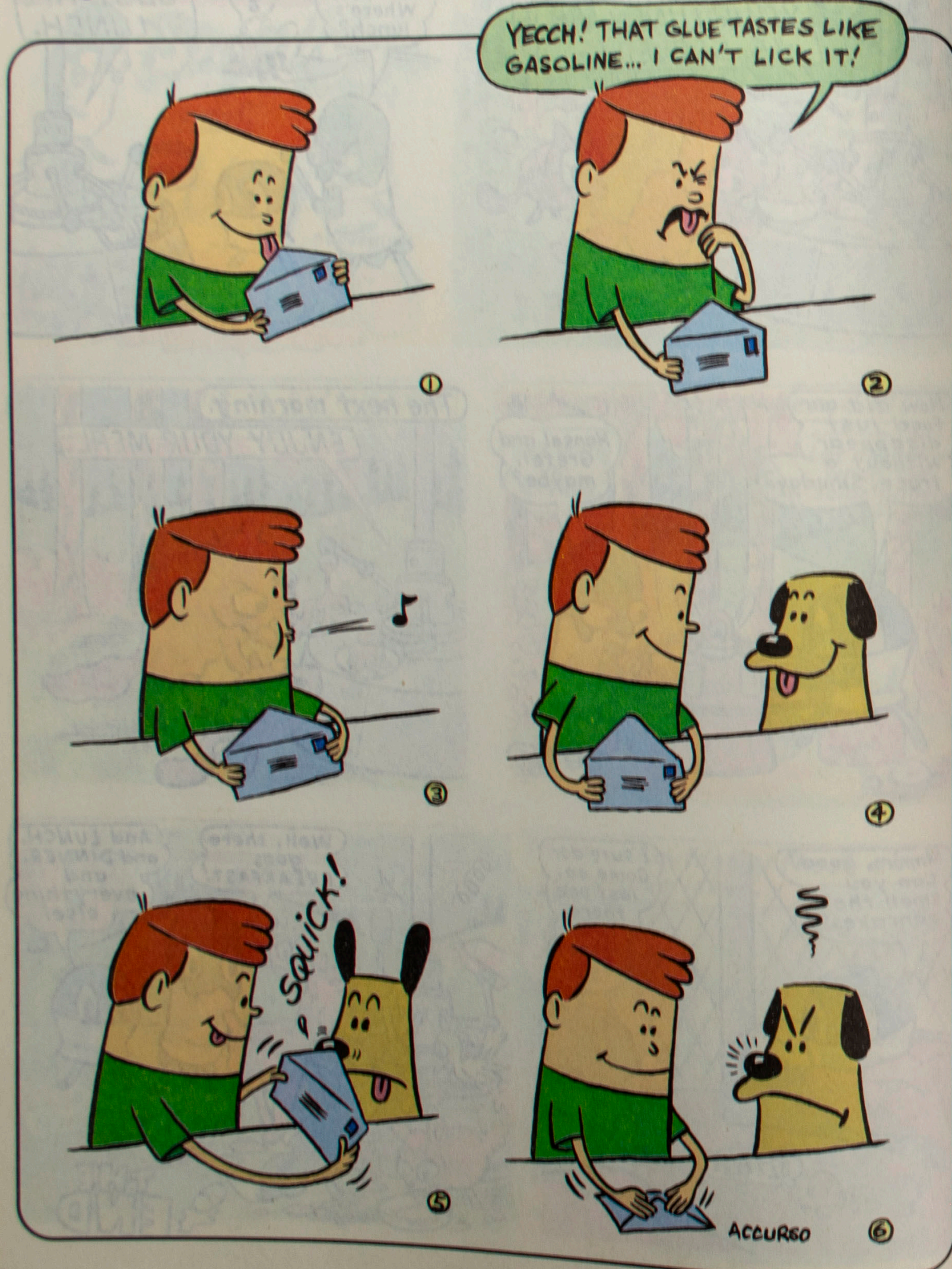
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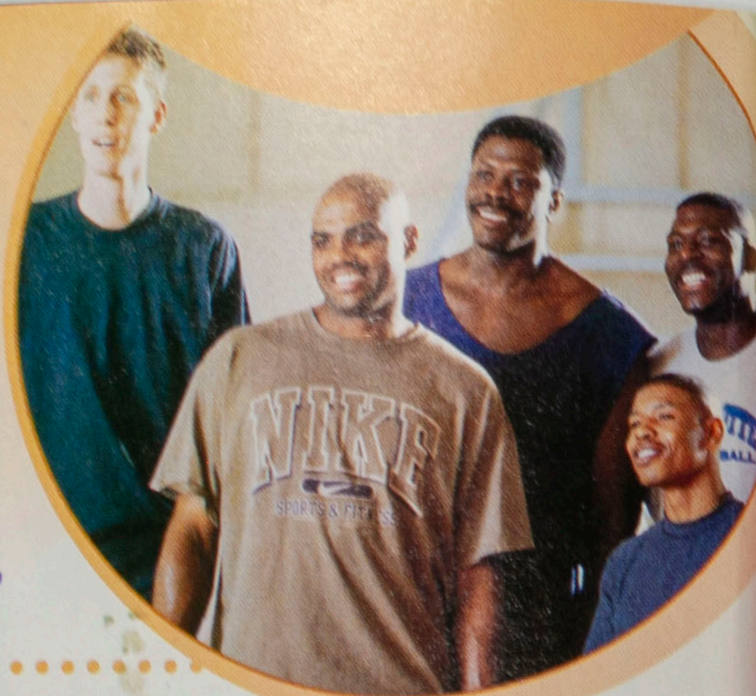
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<p>3 <i>yes.</i></p> <p>National Chemistry Week begins <i>Don't burn your buns on a Bunsen burner.</i></p> 	<p>4</p> <p>International Orangutan Awareness Week begins <i>Go bananas!</i></p> 	<p>5</p> <p>General Election Day <i>Bite the ballot</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Halfway point of autumn <i>Leaf well enough alone.</i></p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Marie Curie, chemist, born, 1867 <i>She was a radiant baby.</i></p> 	<p>1</p> <p>National Peanut Butter Lovers' Month begins <i>November should be a smooth month.</i></p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Warren G. Harding, 29th president, born, 1865 <i>G., we didn't know that!</i></p> 
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<p>17</p> <p>Homemade Bread Day, Montague, Michigan</p> <p><i>Don't be crusty.</i></p> 	<p>18</p> <p>It's still National Peanut Butter Lovers' Month <i>Spread it on thick.</i></p> <p><i>Yes!</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>James A. Garfield, 20th president, born, 1831 <i>Garfield was a cool cat.</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>Gingerbread House Competition begins in Lahaska, Pennsylvania <i>There's home cooking!</i></p> 	<p>21</p> <p>World Hello Day <i>It's not a hi holiday.</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>National Hockey League established, 1917 <i>There was a fight a minute later.</i></p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Billy the Kid, outlaw, born, 1859 <i>Stop Kidding around.</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p>Scott Joplin, jazz composer, born, 1868 <i>He went from ragtime to riches.</i></p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Celebrate the three-day school week.</p> <p><i>Yeeess!</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>Casablanca premieres, 1942 <i>Here's looking at you, kid.</i></p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Thanksgiving Eve <i>Sweet (potato) dreams!</i></p> <p><i>Yes.</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY <i>Happy bird-day to you.</i></p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Louisa May Alcott, author of <i>Little Women</i>, born, 1832 <i>Louisa May Alcott, but then again she May not.</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>National Peanut Butter Lovers' Month ends <i>Have a jolly and jelly December.</i></p> <p><i>Boooo!</i></p>

THE GREEN SCREEN DREAM TEAM

Space Jam, starring Michael Jordan and the Looney Tunes, hits theaters this month. We found out what the hoopla is all about from the movie's animation directors, Bruce Smith and Tony Cervone.



Nickelodeon Magazine: Which Looney Tune is the easiest to draw?

Bruce Smith: Probably Porky Pig because he has a very easy shape. He has a big head and mouth. And I would say the hardest to draw is Bugs Bunny, because you have to get his personality into the drawing.



What's Up With That?

Tony Cervone (left) and Bruce Smith take a break with a model of Bugs.

Now that's a supermodel!



NM: How did you make Space Jam?

Tony Cervone: The movie started with a script. Then we made storyboards, which are drawings of each scene. Next, we used a green screen [below, right] to shoot the live action with Michael Jordan. After that, the animators drew all the cartoon characters and backgrounds into the live-action scenes, either painting by hand or with computers.

Bruce: Some scenes are made up entirely of animation.

NM: How many animators worked on the film?

Bruce: About a hundred.

NM: How tall is Bugs in the movie?

Tony: Well, we decided that not counting his ears, Bugs should be three feet three inches—about half of Michael's height. In the movie, Michael has to look like he's talking to someone who is a little taller than three feet. So we used actors in green suits running around on their knees as markers when Michael's scenes were shot. In the finished product, the actors were removed from the picture, and Bugs was added [see Screen Play, right].

NM: Are any other basketball players in the movie?

Bruce: Yes. Shawn Bradley, Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing, Muggsey Bogues, and Larry Johnson [above, from left] involuntarily help the aliens.

NM: Did you play basketball on the set?

Tony: We had a hoop on the set, so people played a lot of basketball.

NM: What is the first cartoon you drew?

Bruce: When I was five years old, I traced a Batman lunch box, entered a drawing contest . . . and lost.

Tony: I drew Bozo the Clown all the time.

NM: What advice would you give a kid who wants to be an artist?

Tony: Draw whatever you really enjoy drawing. Otherwise, there's no point to it. One thing I learned in school is that for every good drawing there are probably about 50,000 bad ones.

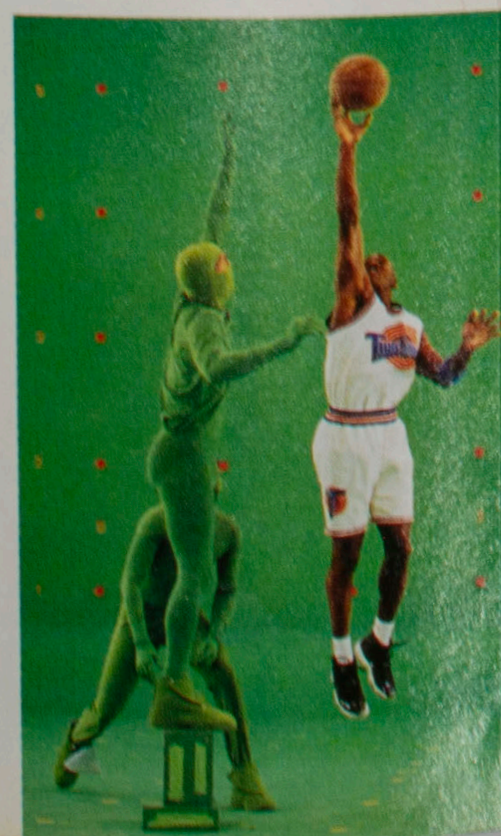
NM: One-on-one, Michael against Bugs, who would win?

Bruce: Bugs Bunny would win. He can do everything Michael can, and then some.

Tony: I think Bugs would win by putting dynamite in Michael's pants.

Screen Play:

Most of the live action was filmed in front of a green screen. Later, when animation was added, everything green was drawn over with background scenery and cartoon characters. The dots in the background of this picture form a grid, which helps the animators draw everything the correct size.



More about Michael on page 42.

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Jordan

We went one-on-one with Michael Jordan to find out about *Space Jam* and more.



Nickelodeon Magazine: Who's your favorite Looney Tune?

Michael Jordan: It's got to be Bugs Bunny. Although I act and play ball with all of the Looney Tunes in *Space Jam*, it's Bugs who really shows me the way. He's natural, smart, funny, and cool as a cucumber ... or a carrot.



NM: In the movie, you play against a team of aliens. Do you believe aliens exist?

MJ: The universe is so enormous that there probably is some sort of life out there. I just hope aliens don't look like the ones in *Space Jam*. I hope their personalities are better, too.

NM: What would you do if you really met an alien?

MJ: It's hard to say. Maybe I'd offer a swap: I'd give it basketball lessons, if it would teach me its favorite game.

NM: Which is tougher, acting or playing basketball?

MJ: Acting is challenging, but playing basketball is



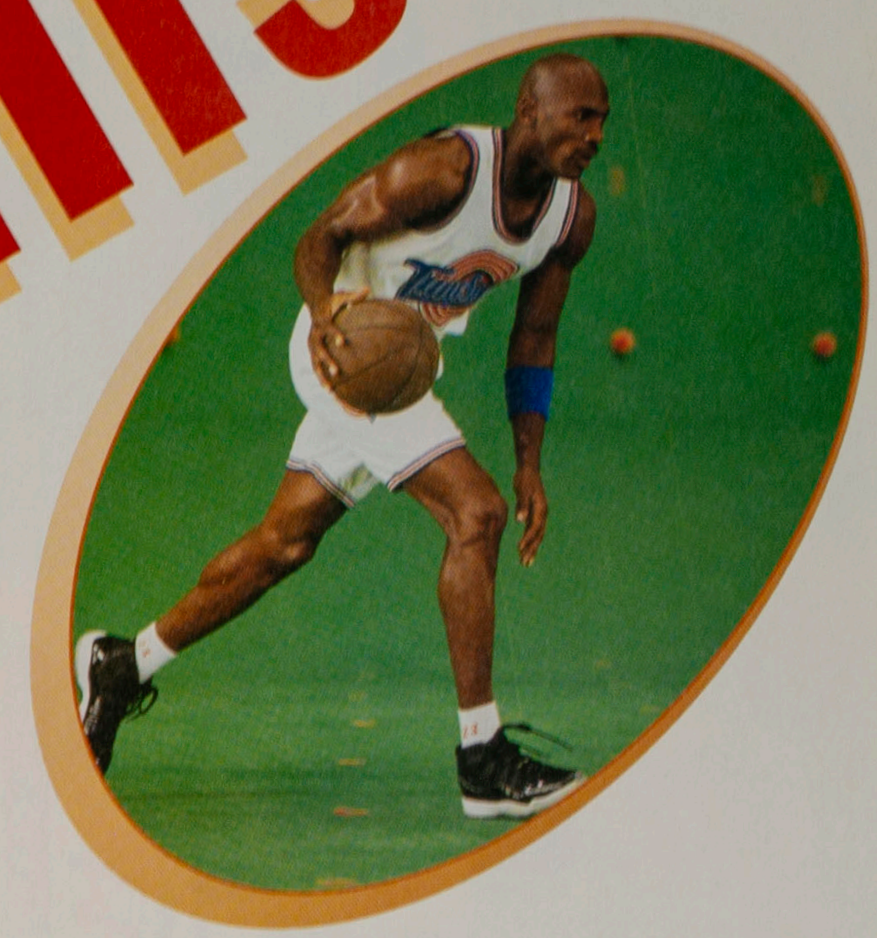
Mercury Rising: Michael Jordan takes his Tune-perature.



Looney Lineup: Jordan, number 23 (above), teams up with the Looney Tunes.



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definitely tougher. If you mess up a scene when you're acting, you get a chance to do it again. When you're in the middle of a basketball game, you don't get any second chances or "do-overs."

NM: Do you ever dream about basketball or golf?

MJ: Playing with a team like the Chicago Bulls is like living a dream, so I don't actually dream about it—I live it. My golf game, though, is more like a nightmare. But it's getting better.

NM: How many pairs of sneakers do you have?

MJ: I don't know the exact number, but there are a lot of them because I wear them out pretty quickly. For every new pair I get, there's usually a pair that is too beat up to wear anymore.

NM: What were you like when you were 12 years old?

MJ: I was a lot like I am now: ambitious, hopeful,

hardworking, and curious. And then, just like now, I played a lot of basketball.

NM: Did you ever have a growth spurt?

MJ: I didn't grow tall all at once. I was just always kind of tall for my age.

NM: Did kids ever make fun of your height?

MJ: All the kids were pretty nice to me. And now, there are guys in the NBA who are a lot taller than I am, and I definitely don't make fun of them.

NM: Which historical figures would you have over for a "Dream Team" Thanksgiving dinner?

MJ: I have many heroes both past and present that I would like the opportunity to meet. But for Thanksgiving dinner, there's nobody I'd rather have around my table than my family. They're my real "Dream Team."

NM: Do you prefer pumpkin or apple pie?

MJ: Can't I have both? Since Thanksgiving is coming up, I have to go with pumpkin. But come summer, I'll switch to apple. □



Kenan & Kel

November 1996

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Also Starring...

Behind the scenes at *Kenan & Kel*
It takes five days and 75 crew members to produce one half-hour episode of *Kenan & Kel*, Nickelodeon's spin-off of *All That*. The crew does everything from directing to making sure the stars have their favorite kind of soda (orange). Here's a peek at some of the people who worked behind the scenes for nearly four months last summer to bring you the show.

Head of the Crew

Name: Brian Robbins
Job: Executive producer with Mike Tollin
What that means: Brian oversees the scriptwriting, casting, and hiring of the entire crew, and he even directs some episodes. He also supervises the editing of each show.
Quality control: Brian has worked both behind and in front of the cameras (he played Eric on *Head of the Class*), but he prefers producing and directing. "It's more creative, because I work on the whole process," he says. "As an actor, I could only control how I said my lines."



The Write Stuff

Names: Kevin Kopelow, Heath Seifert, and Dan Schneider (above, from left)
Jobs: Writers
What that means: It takes Kevin and Heath (who work as a team) and Dan about one week to come up with the plot and write the script for each episode. And, as the show is rehearsed, they have to rewrite some of the dialogue and jokes to get bigger laughs from the studio audience.
Moonlighting: Dan, who's also the co-executive producer, guest stars as Angus, the rival of Kenan's boss. Kevin and Heath (who are both producers, too) and Dan also write for *All That*.



One Show, Hold the Mayo

Name: Merrie Dudley
Job: Producer
What that means: Merrie's job is all about the nuts and bolts of the show. She makes a schedule that lets the cast and crew know where they should be and what they should be doing every minute of the 10-hour workdays. During the summer, each week's schedule would lead up to Friday night's taping in front of a studio audience.
On a roll: "I'm pretty much like a fast-food manager," says Merrie. "It's like I know who's making the fries, who's cleaning the bathroom, and who's working the drive-thru."



Shop 'Til You Drop

Name: Bruce Anthony Marshall
Job: Costume Designer
What that means: Bruce makes sure Kenan, Kel, and all the other actors have the right things to wear in every scene. For an average show, he needs to buy or sew more than 20 different outfits.

Sew much fun: Bruce's favorite part of his job is creating looks for brand-new characters. He once made up costumes for people from imaginary countries. "That's when my job gets really good," he says.

Joel of All Trades

Name: Joel Fisher
Job: Production Coordinator
What that means: Joel keeps things running behind the scenes. He wears a headset and carries a beeper while working so he can be reached at any moment to take care of everyone's requests, which once entailed sending someone to buy a specific flavor of gum.
A dogged worker: "I'll do whatever it takes to make sure the show goes on. I've had producers ask me to walk their dog when there was no way for them to get home to do it," he says.



It's a Dirty Job

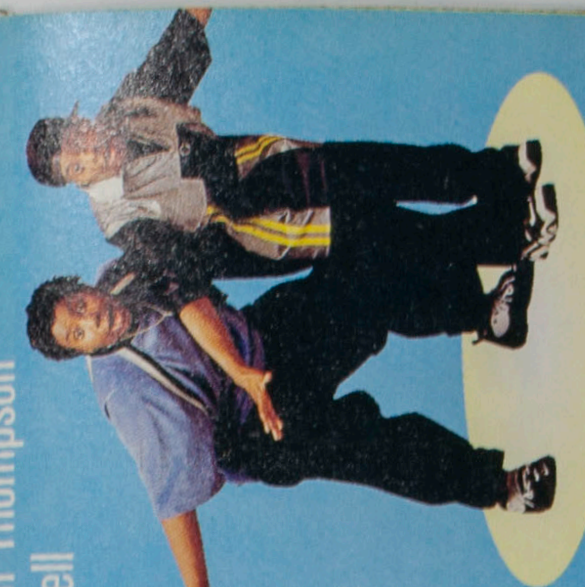
Name: David Jordan Jr.
Job: Prop Master
What that means: David builds the show's props and scenery. In one episode, Kel dreams that he is trapped in a giant brown paper bag filled with huge candies, fruit, and ointment. David and his staff had to construct all those objects—mostly by sculpting and painting foam.
Chew on this pencil: David once made an edible pencil for an *All That* sketch. "I used bubble gum as the center. Then I put Fruit Roll-Ups around the outside and used chocolate sprinkles for the lead," he says.
Scene stealer: David also designs sets for *All That*. And, woodn't you know, he designed Stick Stickey.



Names: Kenan Thompson and Kel Mitchell

Jobs: Stars

We asked Kenan Thompson (left) and Kel Mitchell about their new show.
Nickelodeon Magazine: How is *Kenan & Kel* different from *All That*?
Kenan: Well, on *Kenan & Kel* we play the same characters every week. We're always getting into trouble. I'm always scheming, trying to come up with a get-rich-quick plan. And Kel follows me because he's my best friend.

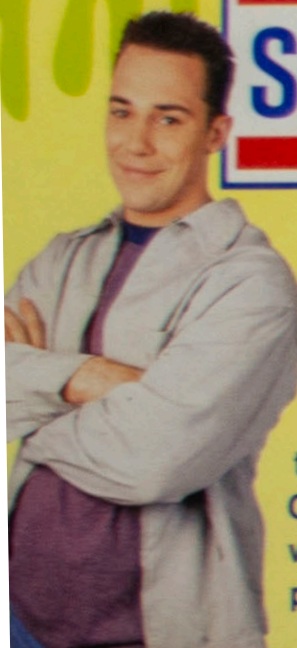


NM: Does that happen in real life, too?
Kel: Sometimes, though in real life it's not always Kenan doing the leading.
NM: Do you like the fact that your characters have your real names?
Kenan: Yeah—but we're not really like them. Kel is a lot brighter in real life, and I'm not as much of a schemer as I am on TV.
NM: Did you help develop your characters?
Kenan: Yes. The writers gave us a skeleton of the characters, and we put the meat on them. We bring our own shenanigans into the show.
NM: Why isn't the show called *Kel & Kenan*?
Kel: *Kenan & Kel* just flows better. Anyway, we're a team, so I don't mind.

Kenan & Kel airs Saturdays at 8 PM*.

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SIDONI'S NO PHONY



Nick stars David Sidoni and Melissa Joan Hart are the spokespeople for Nickelodeon's *Kids Pick the President* campaign coverage. We asked David about the time he spent at the Republican and Democratic Conventions, where Bob Dole and Bill Clinton were officially nominated as their parties' presidential candidates.



Nickelodeon Magazine: Did you get bored during all those speeches?
David Sidoni: No. There were huge video screens where I could either watch the speakers or read along, because the words ran across the screen. I also looked around to see people's reactions.



M: Did you see many silly hats?
S: Yes. I saw the silliest hat at the Democratic Convention. It was 15 feet tall and made of equestrian balloons. Each balloon had a political message written on it.

M: Do you remember any funny slogans?
S: A lot of funny slogans were on the balloons. They were often about



Socks, the Clintons' cat. The Republican buttons read **THROW SOCKS OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE**. The Democrats' read **WE LOVE SOCKS**.

NM: What is the funniest thing that happened at either convention?

DS: The craziest, coolest thing happened at the Democratic Convention. All of a sudden, "Macarena" was played over the loudspeakers, and the whole place went nuts. I did the Macarena with 75-year-old delegates.

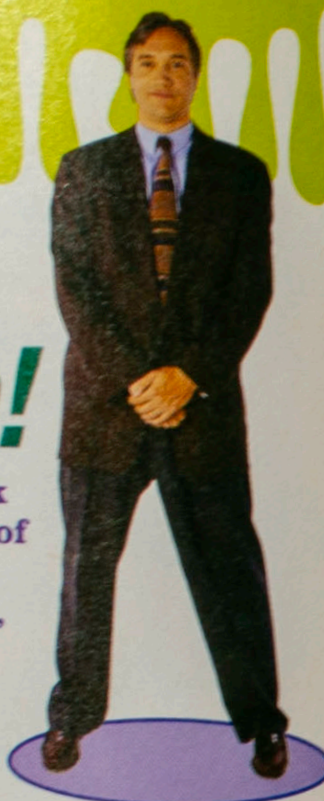
NM: During the Democratic Convention, was it exciting to walk around United Center, the home of the Chicago Bulls?

DS: Of course. I'm a huge sports fan. I was excited to be on the convention floor but even more excited to be on the floor where the Bulls play.

NM: Did you ever run for class president?

DS: I did in the sixth grade. I asked 16 of my friends to hold a 30-foot-long banner in front of me while I was giving a speech. The banner read **VOTE FOR SIDONI. HE'S NO PHONY. AND THAT'S NO BALONEY**. And I won.

Hey, Herb!



Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

R People call you "The Big Cheese." Do you even like cheese?

I'm a big cheese fan. My favorite cheeses are really stinky ones—the stinkier the better. One time my wife and I bought some smelly cheese at the store, and then we got on the bus to go home. When I walked on, people must have thought there was a baby in a stinky diaper on board. We had to tell them that it was just our cheese.

What do you do at Nickelodeon?

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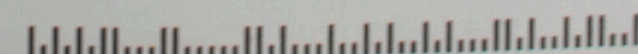
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Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.



People call you "The Big Cheese." Do you even like cheese?

I'm a big cheese fan. My favorite cheeses are really stinky ones—the stinkier the better. One time my wife and I bought some smelly cheese at the store, and then we got on the bus to go home. When I walked on, people must have thought there was a baby in a stinky diaper on board. We had to tell them that it was just our cheese.

What do you do at Nickelodeon?

I'm kind of like a principal, but I don't think the people who work here are afraid of me. I oversee Nickelodeon, Nick at Nite, and TV Land. I'm responsible for everything from Nickelodeon's

Nickelodeon Magazine: Did you get bored during all those speeches?
David Sidoni: No. There were huge video screens where I could either watch the speakers or read along, because the words ran across the screen. I also looked around to see people's reactions.

Socks, the Clintons' cat. The Republican buttons read THROW SOCKS OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE. The Democrats' read WE LOVE SOCKS.

NM: What is the funniest thing that happened at either convention?

DS: The craziest, coolest thing happened at the Democratic Convention. All of a sudden, "Macarena" was played over the loudspeakers, and the whole place went nuts. I did the Macarena with 75-year-old delegates.

NM: During the Democratic Convention, was it exciting to walk around United Center, the home of



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Country Time Poll
(Ask your family and friends)

What's the most overrated holiday?

True Turkey Day Tidbit

Female turkeys do not gobble; they click.

Wishbone Wisdom

I think, therefore I yam.
—René Descartes, French philosopher and yamologist

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Poultry Time Poll
(Ask your family and friends)

Should elbows be allowed on the table?

True Turkey Day Tidbit

On average, each American eats 18 pounds of turkey a year.

Wishbone Wisdom

Don't rock the gravy boat.
—Giblet's Book of Quotations

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Poultry Time Poll
(Ask your family and friends to fill in the blanks)

Thanksgiving '96: The Day of _____
(adjective)
(noun)

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Wishbone Wisdom

You will eat leftovers for the next three days.
—from *The Remains of the Day*

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Poultry Time Poll
(Ask your family and friends)

Before you even start eating, what do you know you will want seconds of?

True Turkey Day Tidbit

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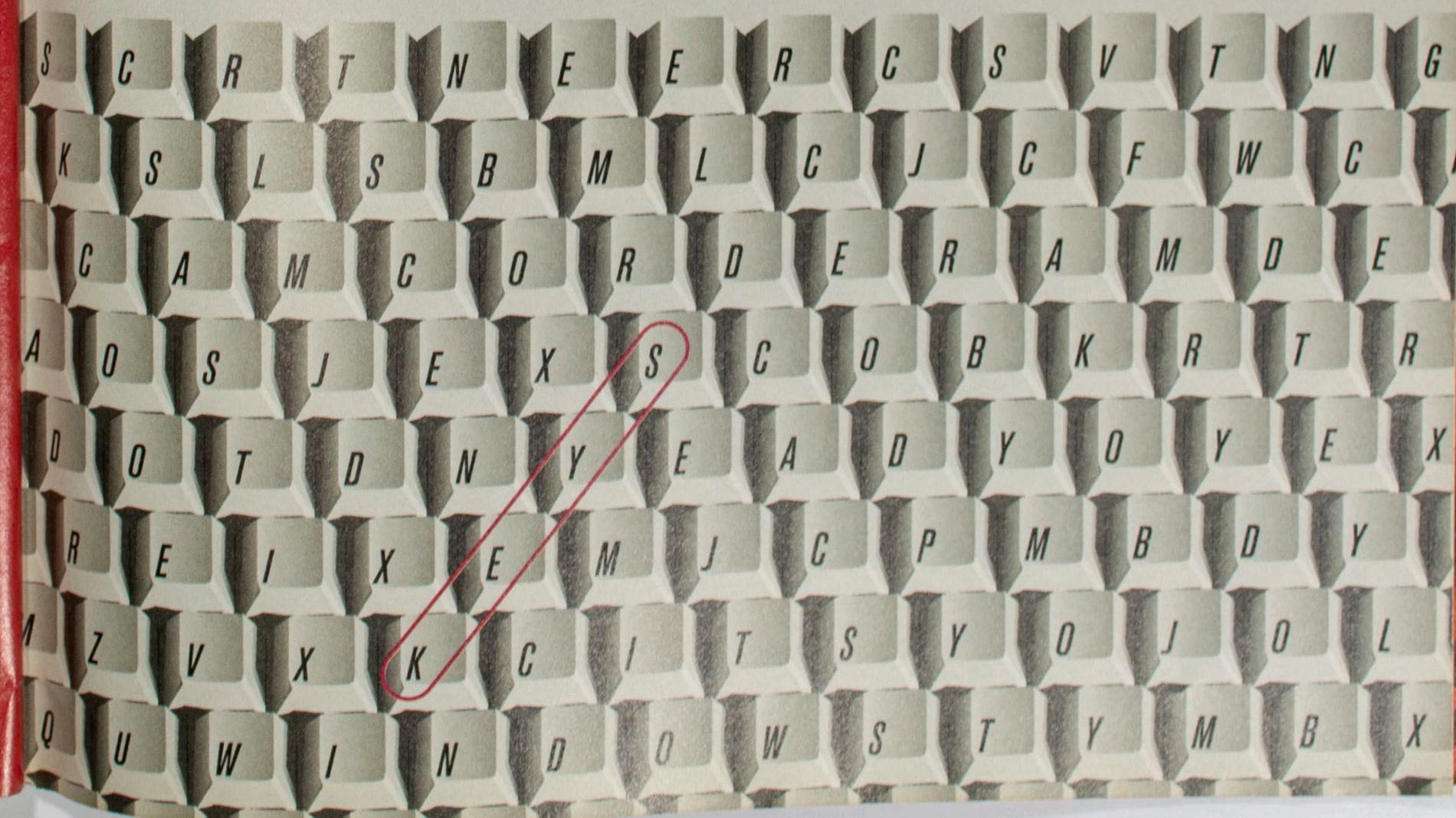
See if you can find these nine technology-related
terms hidden in the keyboard below. We did one for you.

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CD-Rom

Byte
Windows
Joystick

Hint: Words read across, backward, and diagonally up and down. Punctuation isn't
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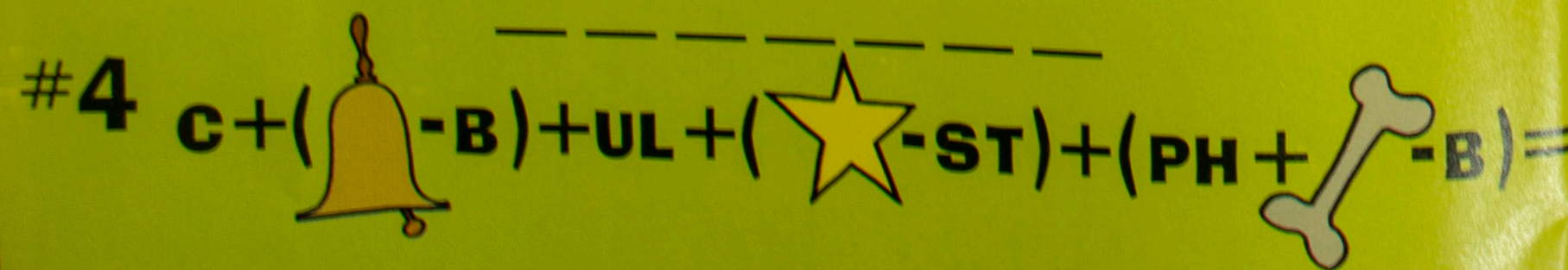
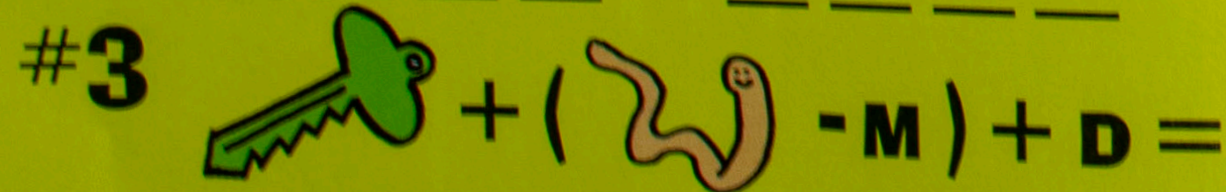
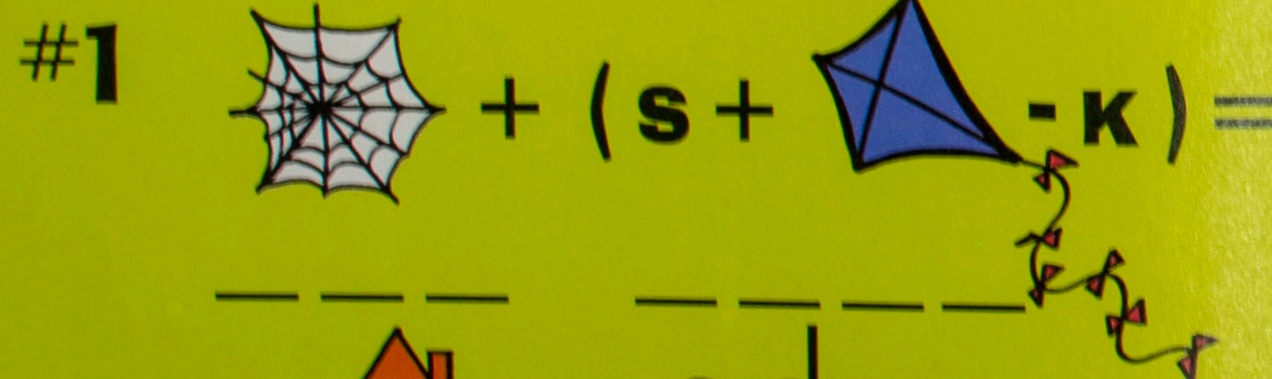
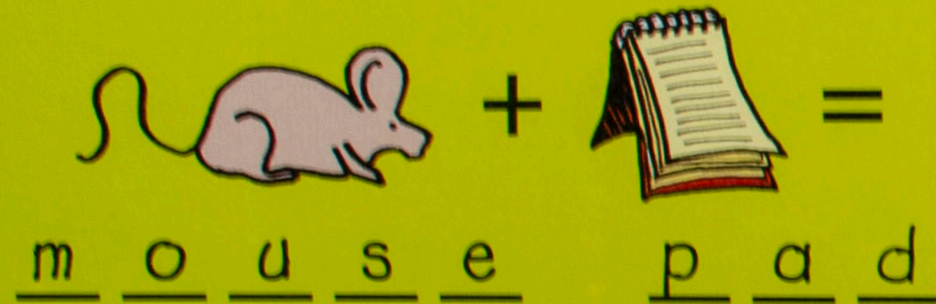


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Whatever You Want

Wish You Were Here Contest Results

Winners

In our June/July issue, we asked you to design a postcard for any vacation spot. Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions. Each winner received Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, Smud, and other prizes.



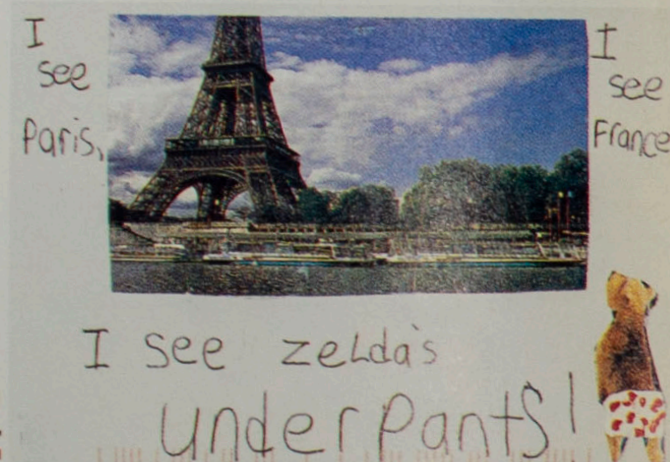
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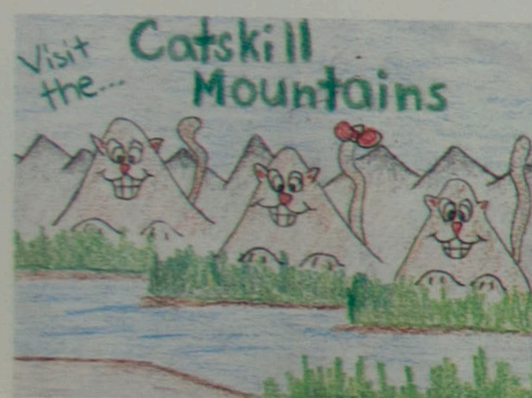


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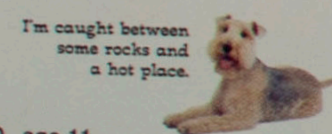


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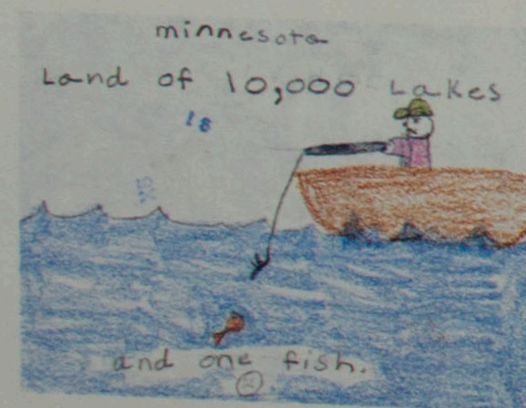
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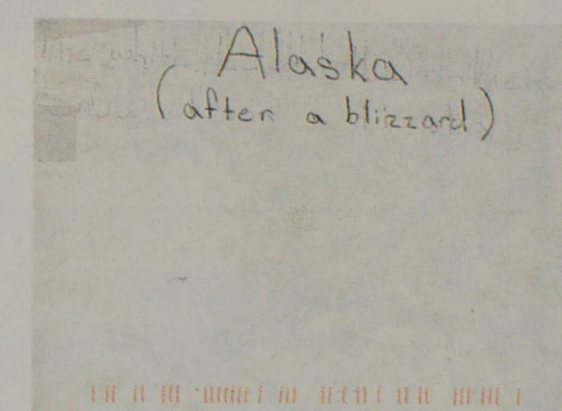
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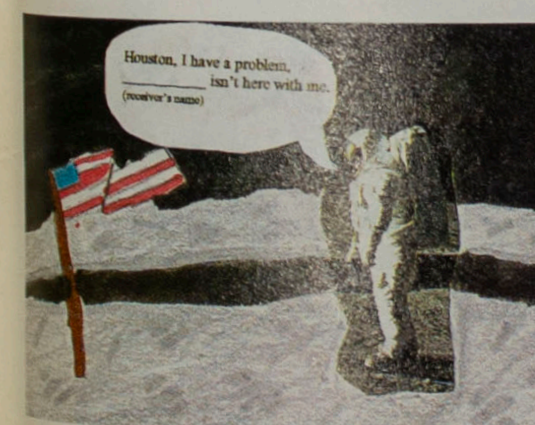
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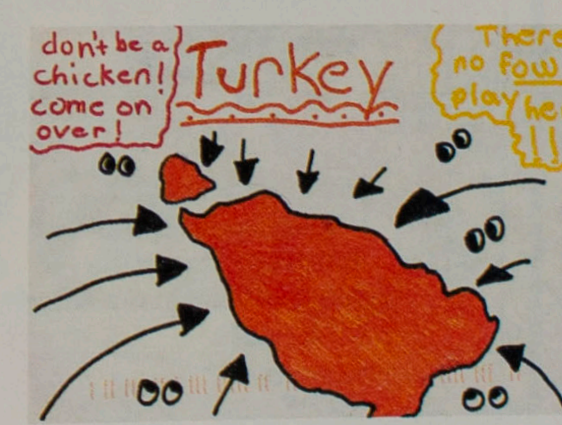
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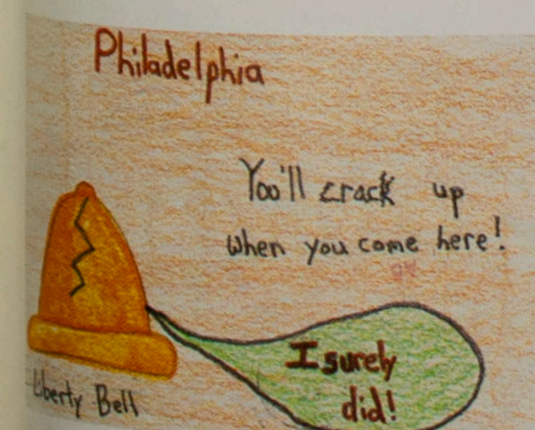
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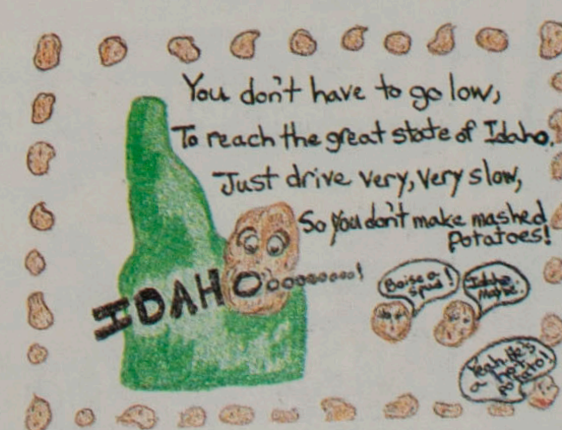
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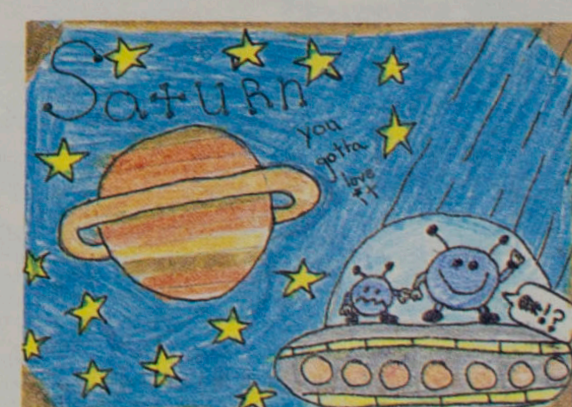
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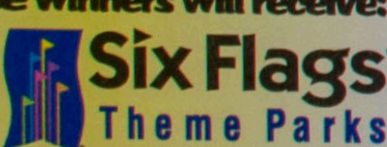
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Say What?

From the
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We asked you to fill in the speech and thought balloons in this picture. Here are the entries that made some waves.



Man: When your cousin Angela fixed us up on this blind date, she didn't tell me you had pink hair! You're swell!

Woman: Maybe I can get the driver to drop this dork off in the Bermuda Triangle.

Alex W., age 7
New City, New York

Man: Honey, this is great—you, me, and the deep blue sea.

Woman: If that's all there is, where do these ropes lead?

Orion Ross M., age 11
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Man: Why are you holding up your foot?

Woman: I guess he didn't notice I just painted my toenails.

Rob S., age 11
Weatherford, Oklahoma

Man: Honey, our arms seem to be stuck together.

Woman: Oh, I thought that white bottle with the man named Elmer on it was my suntan lotion.

Camaren and Danielle S., age 11
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

Man: Hey hon, it looks like your head is getting sunburned.

Woman: I knew I shouldn't have gotten this haircut.

Laurynn M., age 12
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Man: I wash my feet this way.

Woman: Yeah, but only once a week.

Sarah M., age 10
Rockingham, North Carolina

Man: I'm glad you're not mad about our breakup.

Woman: One more little push and that shark will be hungry no more.

Debbie B., age 11
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ANSWERS

You're a Grand Old Quiz (page 8)

1-B, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A, 5-C, 6-A, 7-D, 8-D, 9-C, 10-C.

Can You Pa\$\$ the Buck? (page 14)

1-B, 2-A, 3-B, 4-B, 5-A, 6-B, 7-A, 8-B, 9-A, 10-B, 11-B, 12-A, 13-A, 14-B, 15-B.

State the Question (page 22)

1-Mississippi, 2-Wyoming, 3-Delaware, 4-Rhode Island, 5-New Jersey, 6-Iowa, 7-Connecticut, 8-Minnesota, 9-Hawaii, 10-New Mexico, 11-Nebraska, 12-Kansas, 13-New York, 14-Oklahoma, 15-Massachusetts, 16-Arkansas, 17-North Dakota, 18-Georgia, 19-Wisconsin, 20-Alaska, 21-Louisiana, 22-Illinois, 23-Florida, 24-Idaho, 25-California, 26-Tennessee, 27-Maryland, 28-South Carolina, 29-Kentucky, 30-Virginia, 31-Montana, 32-Nevada, 33-South Dakota, 34-Indiana, 35-Maine, 36-Vermont, 37-Ohio, 38-Oregon, 39-Utah, 40-Arizona, 41-Michigan, 42-Washington, 43-New Hampshire, 44-Colorado, 45-West Virginia, 46-Texas, 47-Alabama, 48-North Carolina, 49-Pennsylvania, 50-Missouri.

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GOOF TROUPE In our October "Letters to the Editors" we said that "Revoltin' But True" could be found on page 51. But it wasn't true. It appeared on page 47. How revoltin'! And, on the Answers page in our October issue, in the "It's Somewhere in the Attic" puzzle, the yellow outline around the hidden apple didn't print well. The apple is in the lower left-hand corner of the drawing, near the chair leg. We're embarrassed to the core.



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Two-name Towns

by Stacey Bowers



Many American cities have nicknames. Here are the origins of five of them.

Beantown = Boston, Massachusetts

The first European inhabitants of Boston were Puritans, whose religious beliefs prohibited them from cooking on Sundays. To get around this rule, the women would prepare beans on Saturday night that would bake until the next morning. No one is quite sure when the term "Beantown" was coined, but this bean-baking tradition began in the early 1600s.

The City of Brotherly Love = Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia means "City of Brotherly Love" in Greek. William Penn decided on the name when the site was given to him by King Charles II in 1681. Penn was the founder of what became Pennsylvania, and a leader of the Quaker religion, which is based on peaceful ideals. He felt the people who lived in Philadelphia would practice "brotherly love."

The Hornet's Nest = Charlotte, North Carolina

In 1780, during the American Revolution, British General Charles Cornwallis and his troops were defeated in Charlotte. Later, Cornwallis referred to the city as a "hornet's nest of rebellion." The name stuck, and these days, even Charlotte's NBA team is called the Hornets.

The Windy City = Chicago, Illinois

Contrary to popular belief, Chicago isn't called "The Windy City" because of its windy weather—15 other American cities are windier than Chicago. In the late 1800s, people who bragged were called "windy." And since proud Chicago residents campaigned hard to host the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, the city came to be known as "The Windy City."

The Big Apple = New York, New York

New York City (below) was first called "The Big Apple" in the 1920s and 30s. When playing in the city, jazz musicians and other entertainers would say, "There are many apples on the tree, but only one big apple." They meant, of course, that New York City was the most important place to play.



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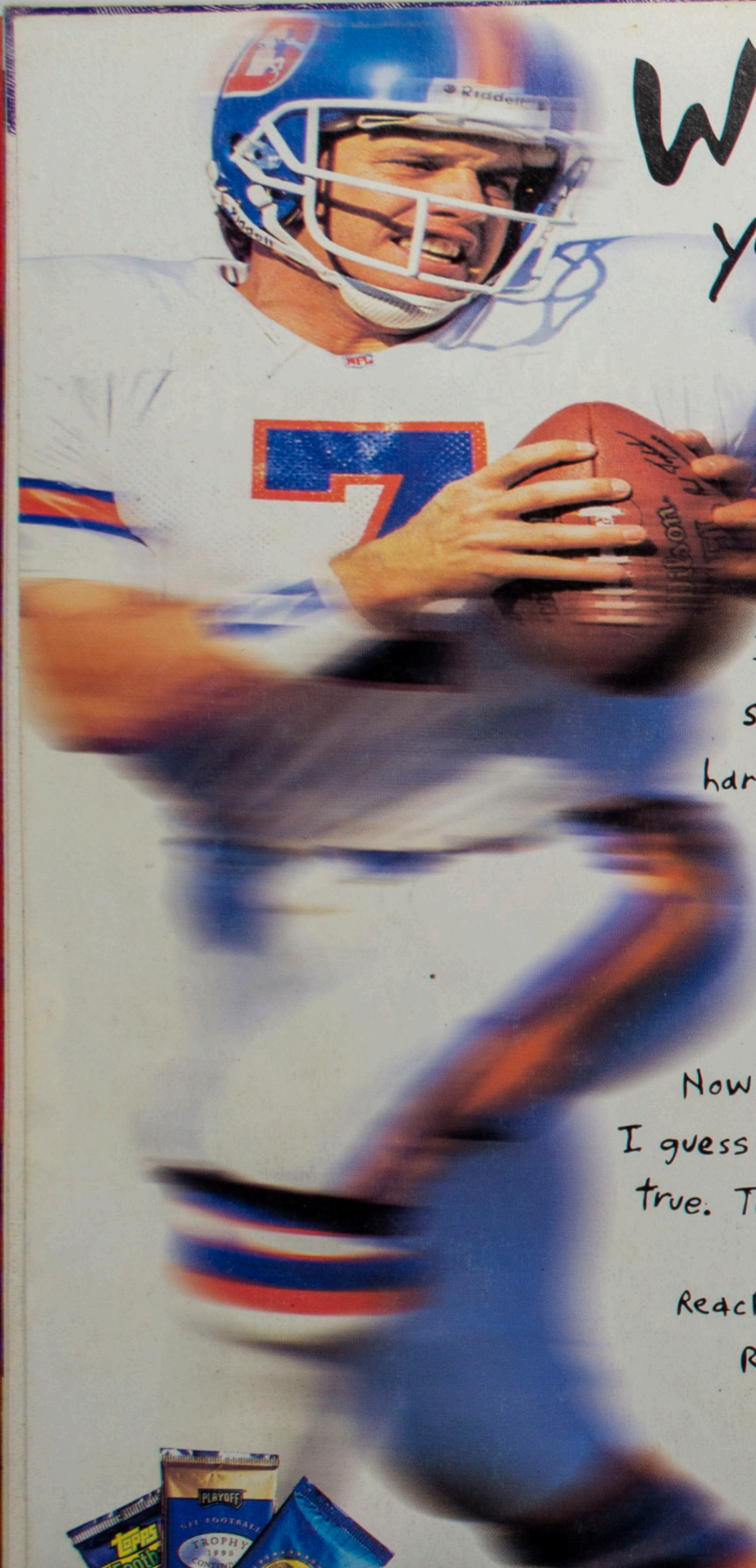
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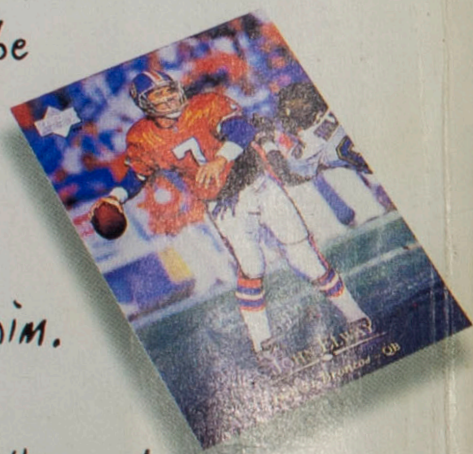
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